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OAU at crossroads as summit collapses

TRIPOLI, Nov. 26 (Agencies) — The future of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) appeared more uncertain Friday than at any time in its 19-year history after the second collapse of its annual summit in four months.

The breakdown, which this time came over who should take the Chad seat, underlined the polarization of the OAU's radical and moderate blocs and cast doubt on whether or not it can continue in its present form, many delegates said.

The continent's only forum for political cooperation has increasingly become the battleground for confrontation between its two major rival groupings — the moderates and the radicals.

Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Salim, whose country is among the less hard-line radicals, told reporters Friday that in his view the OAU had become too politicized and should focus instead on economic cooperation.

As African leaders conducted their own postmortems Friday, there was a growing feeling that the OAU should hold an extraordinary summit in the future to discuss what the purpose and the scope of the OAU and its chairman should be, some delegates said.

Salim said Tanzania favored the annual summit being held permanently at the OAU's Addis Ababa headquarters instead of in the capital of any country which wanted, and could afford, to act as host.

Some ministers said privately that the real reason for the collapse of the summit was a suspicion among moderate states that Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi would use the OAU chairmanship, which he would have assumed had the summit been successful, to promote his own revolutionary policies and national interest in the region.

Twice-deprived of the chairmanship he was due to take over from Kenya, a bitter

Col. Qaddafi attacked "imperialism" Thursday night for the breakdown of the summit and, while offering to try to host it again, said he would make no concessions to the moderates.

Speaking at an informal session of leaders and ministers from the 30 states present Thursday night, Qaddafi blamed Washington, Paris and London and their "agents" in Sudan, Somalia and Morocco for the failure of the summit. Twenty heads of state were present at the informal meeting.

According to an unofficial translation of his remarks, he accused France of ordering its former colonies in Africa to stay away depriving the summit of a 34-nation quorum by four states. Many of the countries which stayed away were from French-speaking Africa.

GATT runs into snags

GENEVA, Nov. 26 (AFP) — The GATT ministerial conference, called to curb mounting protectionism and bolster free trade, was moving fast toward its "make or break" point here Friday with the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC) still deadlocked over farm trade and industrial aids.

A senior U.S. official said he saw a 50-50 chance for a satisfactory conclusion "for all concerned" by the time the 88 members of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) wind up their four-day talks Saturday. But some European delegates believed prospects were gloomier now because of the unexplained cancellation of late-night negotiations which were to have been conducted by a small group of senior officials.

The group was sponsored by the conference chairman, Canada's External Affairs Minister Allan Rock, who has led feverish efforts to find common ground, assisted

Wants independent state PLO rejects Reagan plan

DAMASCUS, Nov. 26 (Agencies) — The central council of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Friday rejected U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace plan and declared there could be no peace in the region without its participation.

The council, in a communique issued here at the close of its working session, reaffirmed that the PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and stressed the importance of Egypt's return to the Arab fold "far away from the Camp David accords."

The Reagan peace plan "does not satisfy the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the PLO," the statement said. "It ignores the

right of (the Palestinians) to self-determination and to the creation of an independent state headed by the PLO."

Reagan's plan, issued in early September, calls for Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank and Gaza Strip in association with Jordan. It specifically rules out the establishment of an independent state.

PLO chief Yasser Arafat held an intensive series of talks with King Hussein of Jordan and later said that once an independent Palestinian state was established, he would be ready to consider a federation with Jordan. But some Syrian-based hardline sections of the PLO, including parts of Arafat's Fatah group, were highly critical of his moves.

The communique from the 66-member body said that in compliance with resolutions adopted by the national council, the Palestinian Parliament in exile, and those by Arab summits, the PLO remains the only authentic representative for Palestinians living both within, and outside territories occupied by Israel.

The committee condemned the 1978 Camp David accords, which formed the basis of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, as "one of the means used by Israel and the United States to isolate Egypt from the Arab World."

Stressing the importance of Palestinian national unity, the communique said the committee intended to hold intensive talks beginning Friday among all sectors of the Palestinian leadership "to work out a political and military plan of work for the next stage of the struggle."

The meetings were reportedly called to iron out differences among pro-Syrian hardliners and moderates backing Arafat.

A pro-Syrian Palestinian leader told Agence France-Presse that at Thursday night's central council meeting, supporters of

the two conflicting currents had not resolved their differences but had established a dialogue. PLO hardliners are opposed to any federation with Jordan as well as a dialogue with Egypt.

PLO sources here said earlier the Reagan plan was inadequate because it failed to mention statehood or refer to the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

The sources did not make even an indirect reference to the recent calls for the PLO to recognize Zionist state.

The United States, France, and some pro-Western Arab states have been urging the PLO to recognize Israel so that it may start a dialogue with the U.S. administration. Washington at present refuses to have direct dealings with the PLO unless it recognizes Israel.

Twelve killed in Beirut blast

BEIRUT, Nov. 26 (AP) — French and Italian paratroopers teamed with Lebanese civil defense rescuers in a nightlong search that produced 12 dead from the rubble of a dynamited apartment building in Beirut. Police said Friday.

Police said 15 other tenants were seriously injured, including a woman and her six children — two boys and four girls between three and 12 years of age. All the victims were Lebanese.

The blast was caused by 30-kilogram (66 pounds) charge detonated by remote control in Beirut's low-income Muslim neighborhood of Chiyah at 9 p.m. (1900 GMT) Thursday, police said.

The explosion devastated the first floor of the eight-story apartment building where most of the casualties occurred.

Nakasone names ministers

TOKYO, Nov. 26, (R) — New Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone Friday named a cabinet of experienced ministers heralding continuity of the country's basic policies.

Several cabinet members, including 64-year-old Nakasone himself, have served in previous administrations of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) which has governed Japan for the past 27 years.

The cabinet was formed after several hours of bickering among party leaders over who should take the top ministerial posts. Former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, head of the LDP's biggest faction, demanded more seats in the cabinet and party executive for his followers. Other faction chiefs protested.

The formation of the cabinet was announced by the government. Shintaro Abe, a protégé of former Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda, was named foreign minister

and Noboru Takeshita, a member of Tanaka's faction, was made finance minister.

Shintaro Abe has for the past year devoted himself to problems arising from friction between Tokyo and its trading partners. As minister of international trade and industry, he took part in negotiations with the United States and the European Economic Community on the question of opening Japanese markets to foreign goods.

Noboru Takeshita, held finance ministry in the cabinet of Masayoshi Ohira in 1979.

Earlier, Nakasone officially assumed office as Japanese prime minister, after being confirmed in both houses of the Diet (parliament).

He received 287 votes in the 511-member lower house against 102 for Ichio Asakata, president of the leading opposition Socialist Party, and then 130 votes in the upper house which has 252 members (against 50 for Asakata).

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Smuggling affair rocks Italy

MILAN, Nov. 26 (R) — Announcements by Italian authorities that they have broken up one of the world's biggest arms smuggling rings triggered fresh controversy about the competence of the country's secret services.

Socialist Deputy Franco Accame tabled a parliamentary question asking how the vast traffic, in which arms for the Middle East were alleged to have been traded for heroin, escaped the attention of Italian intelligence.

The secret services have undergone repeated shake-ups in the past two years after disclosures that members were involved in a series of scandals. Investigating Magistrate Carlo Palermo told a press conference Thursday that police had arrested the leaders of the ring. Police said Friday that it was one of the world's largest arms trafficking networks. Palermo said the ring was fronted by an export-import firm with its base in a Milan building that was owned by the failed Banco

Ambrosiano.

Following the disclosure, Italian police started investigating whether the scandal-plagued Banco Ambrosiano financed an international gang dealing in huge quantities of arms and drugs, Italian television reported Thursday.

However, the former vice president of the Ambrosiano, Roberto Rosone, denied the bank was involved in the affair, he reported. Meanwhile, investigators said the gang had furnished Middle East countries, including Iran, with arms exported illegally from Europe and the United States. No other countries were mentioned by name.

Military hardware was exported illegally in exchange for narcotics and included Cobra attack helicopters and Leopard armored cars, Palermo, said. The drugs, mainly heroin, were then sold to users in Europe, the magistrate said.

The magistrate said two years of investigations, which also involved Interpol and U.S. narcotics agents, culminated in the arrest this week of seven people on charges of illegal arms dealing. They included Syrian Henry Arslan, 70, head of the firm, Arslan's Italian wife, and Muhammad Nabli.

China flexible on Taiwan issue

PEKING, Nov. 26 (AP) — A top leader said Friday China would be very flexible about how it ruled Taiwan after its reunification with Peking as the National People's Congress began considering a new constitution.

In an 80-minute report on the proposed constitution, Peng Zhen was interrupted only once by applause when he said: "China will never seek hegemony and will never allow any hegemonists to subdue it." China uses "hegemonists" to mean the Soviet Union and the United States.

Peng, who is vice chairman of both the Congress' standing committee and the constitutional revision committee, said the document provides for establishment of special administrative regions, and this would suit the special situation of Taiwan.

Treatment of the island of 18 million people, seat of the Nationalist Chinese government, has been the main source of friction in U.S./China relations. Despite agreement reached this summer on limiting U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, China says U.S. dealings with Taiwan leave a "cloud" over relations.

"It is an internal affair of China and no foreign country has the right to interfere in it," he said of efforts to regain the island

3,500 Iranians slain, Iraq claims

NICOSIA, Nov. 26 (AP) — Iraq said 3,500 Iranian troops were killed in a 15-hour battle that raged in the southern sector of the battlefield with Iran. A communique from the high command of the Iraqi armed forces broadcast by Baghdad Radio said Thursday.

"The enemy has been completely defeated, his forces torn apart and the majority of the attacking forces annihilated."

It added that the Iraqi forces seized 512 rifles, 222 rocket launchers, 83 machine guns and 12 artillery pieces, all in working condition.

The exact location of the fighting was not given, but the communique indicated in the Iranian-held enclave inside Iraqi territory at the southern governorate of Misan.

Iran itself said its forces repulsed an Iraqi attack in the enclave Tuesday afternoon what was described as one of the fiercest clashes in the 26-month-old Iran-Iraq war, which included a three-hour hand-to-hand battle in which 600 Iraqis were killed.

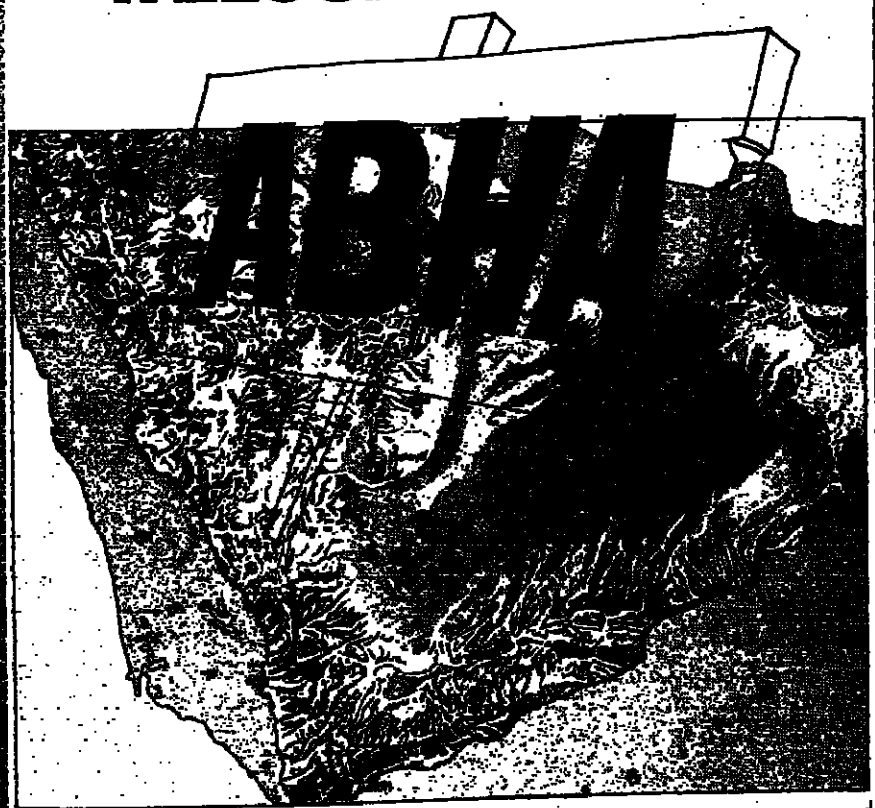
Irish opposition heading for win

DUBLIN, Nov. 26 (AP) — Promising "strong government," former Premier Garret Fitzgerald looked set Friday to head the Irish Republic's first majority administration since June 1981 as a Fine Gael-Labor coalition surged ahead in the third general election in 17 months.

Fitzgerald, leader of Fine Gael (family of the Irish), predicted the coalition will win a four-vote majority in the 166-member Dail, or lower house.

"It looks like I'll be the next prime minister," Fitzgerald, 56, boasted amid a three percent swing away from Prime Minister Charles Haughey's Fianna Fail (soldiers of destiny) Party.

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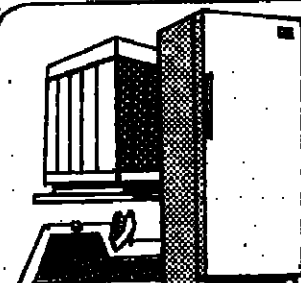
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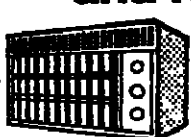
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DMI opening 9 banks in Middle East, Africa

By Ahmad K. Khuroo
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Nov. 26 — The Dar Al-Maal 'Al-Islami (DMI) is opening up nine banks and investment institutions in the Middle East and Africa in the next few months. An investment company with a capital of \$10 million and an Islamic bank capitalized at \$20 million will start operating in ten countries.

In an interview with *Arab News*, Executive Vice-Chairman of DMI, Dr. Ibrahim Kamel, said that approval is expected soon to launching Islamic banks in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Turkey, Morocco, Mali, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Pakistan and Malaysia. Dar Al-Maal 'Al-Islami's founder is Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal.

DMI's ambitious expansion plans include the setting up of an international Islamic banking network. DMI has already launched "Masraf Faisal Al-Islami" in the Bahamas and similar banks have been opened in the United Kingdom, Jersey and Luxembourg.

These international masrafs will be operating as interim institutions before the final licences are issued. Dr. Kamel said "this network of Islamic banks will be extended to the Far East next year."

Before the launch of the DMI, the bankers thought that approval from Islamic countries could be obtained in time to offer the bank's shares simultaneously in most of the countries, but this was not possible. In the first

phase, the bank is trying to raise a minimum capital of \$310 million.

Dr. Kamel decried the financial regulations in most countries that tended to encourage conventional banks. He said that the world monetary system operates on interest practices that lead to various economic ills like inflation.

"Interest distorts the real value of goods and services by modifying the purchasing power of money," he said.

Most countries have sanctioned the use of fiat money that is not indexed to gold as a unit of value. Governments finance their deficit budgets through interest-bearing treasury bills which are enforced by law on the commercial banks who turn over a portion of the public deposits to meet the government's financial needs. When the government buys back the bills it pays interest to the commercial banks who then pay interest to the public. The government collects taxes from the public to pay them back their capital and interest.

He said contemporary insurance is also prohibited by Islam as it is considered gambling to lose the premium to the insurance company if the insured car does not have an accident.

The Islamic banking system, he said, does not provide the government with the opportunity of borrowing public deposits by paying interest and thus "exercising a financial control over the country's money supply."

PLO leader interviewed

King Fahd's role hailed

RIYADH, Nov. 26 (SPA) — King Fahd's diplomatic moves are important in view of the king's distinguished role as an Islamic and Arab leader and the Kingdom's political weight both at regional and international levels, a Palestinian leader was quoted as saying in an interview published Thursday.

Rafiq Al-Natsba (Abu Shaker), the PLO representative to the Kingdom, said the tripartite meeting between King Fahd,

Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat was of great importance due to the three leaders' political weight.

Abu Shaker added that arrangements were being made for Arafat's upcoming visit to Egypt and noted that the organization was doing its utmost to ensure Egypt's rejoining the Arab fold and renouncing the Camp David accords.

Telephone, telex services make impressive headway in Taif, Jeddah

JEDDAH, Nov. 26 (SPA) — Telephone and telex services made impressive headway in Taif recently as 1,284 telephones were installed during a month's period bringing the total in the area to 41,159 lines by Nov. 15.

Rabea Dahlan, Western Region telephone and telex director, said that 98.5 percent of applications for telephones were completed within seven days. The rate of installing telephones within 14 days of application was 100 percent, he added.

Hospital nurse is fired after accepting cash

TAIF, Nov. 26 — A nurse was fired from King Faisal Hospital here this week for accepting a tip, *Okaz* reported Friday. In addition to the expulsion order, one month has been deducted from the nurse's dues, according to the instructions given by Dr. Nazih Nassif, the controller-general of health affairs in the Western Province.

Hospital Director Saleh Al-Qadi said that the nurse had accepted a sum of money from a citizen whose relative was under treatment at the delivery ward in the hospital. After the inquiry proved the charge, the sanctions were implemented on the ground that by accepting a bribe the nurse had committed an act contrary to Islam and the code of ethics of the medical profession.



Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal

SIDF extends 809 loans worth SR9b since inception

RIYADH, Nov. 26 (SPA) — The Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF) has extended 809 loans totaling SR9,521,000,000, from the day it was established until last financial year 1981/82, to the benefit of 724 industries installations. During 1981/82 alone, it gave 88 loans totaling SR1,385,900,000.

According to an official report on the fund's activity in supporting national industries in the various fields, the cement industry takes the lion's share of SIDF funds. It already received SR2,423,000,000 of the allocations. The engineering sector is also greatly supported by the fund. In fact, the latter has given it 115 loans of a value of SR2,121,000,000, because it covers the state and private projects' requirements in terms of electric connections, car radiators, batteries, welding equipment and mechanical and other electric equipment.

The foodstuffs industries are equally being cared for. They got 95 loans totaling SR909 million. Private projects for manufacturing paper and printing equipment obtained SR266 million. The money was used now to set up or to expand several establishments.

In regard to the generation and supply of electric power to the citizens, the report hailed the fund's efforts to foster such projects and the Kingdom's electricity companies in the framework of the country's electrification program launched in 1975. SIDF had begun by earmarking SR750 million which amount later rose to SR34 billion. At the end of last financial year, the fund allocated SR30,915,000,000 for that purpose to the benefit of 86 private electricity companies which now became only 11 after the unification of the electricity boards of the eastern, central, Southern and Western provinces.

The fund was assisting the electricity sector as part of an assignment by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy. The latter

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Prince Sultan pays toward 74-year-old's medical bill

JEDDAH, Nov. 26 — Prince Sultan ibn Abdul Aziz, the second deputy premier and minister of defense and aviation, has covered the treatment expenses abroad of a 74-year-old father of 11 children, *Al-Madina* reported Friday.

As soon as the prince learned that Ali Humaid Al-Rifai Al-Jehani needed treatment that could be provided only abroad, because his two kidneys had terribly deteriorated, he ordered that the man be treated at his expense.

In Belgium, Jehani had his kidney transplant operation and remained there during the convalescence period.

also entrusted it with running the cold storage program. So, at the beginning of last financial year, the fund agreed to loan 48 projects a total amount of SR212 million. The program will ensure the steady supply of frozen and perishable foodstuffs in all parts of Saudi Arabia to help improve the quality of living and raise public health standards.

50 companies taking part in Al-Harithy's motor show

By Habib Rahman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Nov. 26 — The fifth motor show, organized by Al-Harithy jointly with London-based Fairs and Exhibition Limited, will be held from Nov. 28 to Dec. 5 at Jeddah Expo Center. The exhibition with more than 50 companies will feature saloon cars, sports cars, trucks, vehicles and buses, forklifts, motorcycles, spare parts, lubricants, radio hi fi, tires, accessories and vehicle maintenance.

George Chamieh, manager of exhibitions and services division of the company, told *Arab News* that there will be some surprises from certain car manufacturers.

"It is a promotional opportunity for manufacturers and distributors to launch the latest models and accessories and to demonstrate the latest technology," he said. "The fourth motor show last year attracted a record number of visitors making it a grand success. The demand from manufacturers and distributors is so much that it is revived this year."

The Expo Center, spread over an area of 50,000 square meters, is the largest independent exhibition center in the Kingdom, providing 7,000 square meters of space for indoor exhibition and 8,000 square meters of open space.

Al-Harithy Company will also organize the Middle East Electricity exhibition from February 5-9 next year. The exhibition, supported by the Kingdom's Ministry of Industry

and Electricity, will feature a wide range of electricity-related equipment. George Chamieh said this will attract a number of major local and international companies since Saudi Arabia is embarking on very ambitious power expansion projects. Not only that, Arab neighboring states are going ahead with major electricity projects which present a bigger opportunity for suppliers of generating, supply and utilization equipment to display their products.

For example, peak demand of power in Abu Dhabi is expected to grow by an average 22 percent a year to reach 1,500 MW by 1985. Dubai's demand is set to grow by 173 percent a year to reach 800 MW by 1984.

The Kuwaiti Ministry of Electricity and Water has allocated supplementary budget of \$250 million to provide for new power stations. Iraq is going ahead with major electricity projects. Oman and Qatar are also set to increase electricity generation. All these extraordinary markets will make the Jeddah exhibition a grand success, according to George Chamieh.

"Water Technology '83 in the Middle East" exhibition will be held from Feb. 27 to March 3. It will feature a number of international and local companies with latest models of pumps, sewerage treatment plants, water treatment, drainage systems, sludge conditioning, refuse engineering, city cleansing, measuring and control technology, irrigation equipment, drilling machines and tools, desalination units, water treatment equipment, pipes and pipelines.

Riyadh firm bags 160 km road work

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Nov. 26 — Shubahal Jazira Contracting Establishment of Riyadh, a Saudi Arabian company, has been awarded a contract worth SR297.65 million for the construction of a 160 kilometer-long road to link Gasseim with nearby Wadhwan.

Under the contract, signed on Nov. 21, the road, called Al Mustawa, will link the two towns, providing communication facilities to the farmers of the region, a company spokesman told *Arab News*.

He said the contract was signed by the Minister of Communication Hussain Mansour and the company's Chairman Wahab W. Sulaiman.

BRIEFS

Lebanese conference
BEIRUT, (SPA) — Saudi Ambassador to Lebanon Ali Al-Sheer Thursday conferred with Walid Junbulat, chief of the Lebanese Socialist Party. Discussion covered the current situation in the Middle East.

Bilateral relations
KHARTOUM, (SPA) — Saudi Ambassador to Sudan Hassan Abdullah Al-Qurashi Thursday conferred with Sudanese Vice-President Gen. Omer Muhammad Al-Tayeb. Discussion covered means of developing bilateral relations.

French exhibition
JEDDAH — A French exhibition "Test Product of French Building Materials" will be held in the Meridien Hotel here today from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. Fifteen companies will display their products and will be represented by their export manager.

Turkish week begins
JEDDAH, (SPA) — A Turkish Week will be opened here today by Makkah Governor

Prince Majid ibn Abdul Aziz. The event organized at the Meridien Hotel by the Turkish Embassy will include displays of many models and samples of Turkish industry and handicraft, the information counselor at the embassy Jamil Tutur said. Displays of Turkish folkloric dancing will also take place during the week.

Prince Miqren returns
HAIL, (SPA) — Hail Governor Prince Miqren ibn Abdul Aziz returned here Friday morning from a working visit to Riyadh. He conferred with Interior Minister Prince Naif and Prince Mifrah, the minister of public works and housing and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs. He also had talks with Dr. Ghazi Alghosabi, the minister of industry and electricity and acting health minister; Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh; Communications Minister Hussein Mansouri; and Planning Minister Hisham Nazer.

Car auction
JEDDAH — Jeddah's traffic department will be selling confiscated cars at a public

auction here Saturday and Sunday, *Okaz* reported Friday. The auction will start at 4 p.m. at Qasr Khuzam (Khuzam Palace), near the Meridien Hotel and Mina Road, which was the department's previous headquarters.

Bank opens today
JEDDAH — Albank Alsaudi Alholandi opens its first branch in Abha today bringing the total number of branches Kingdom-wide to 13. According to Mustapha Malaika, of the bank's public relations, the new branch is fully computerized.

"Any movement in a client's account will be reported immediately," he said. The Saudi-Dutch bank has all its system computerized, he added.

University activities
RIYADH, (SPA) — A meeting was held recently between Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University rector, Dr. Abdullah Al-Turki, and its students marking the beginning of the university's cultural committee activities for this year. Discussions revolved around curricula, attendance in classes and other issues concerning students.

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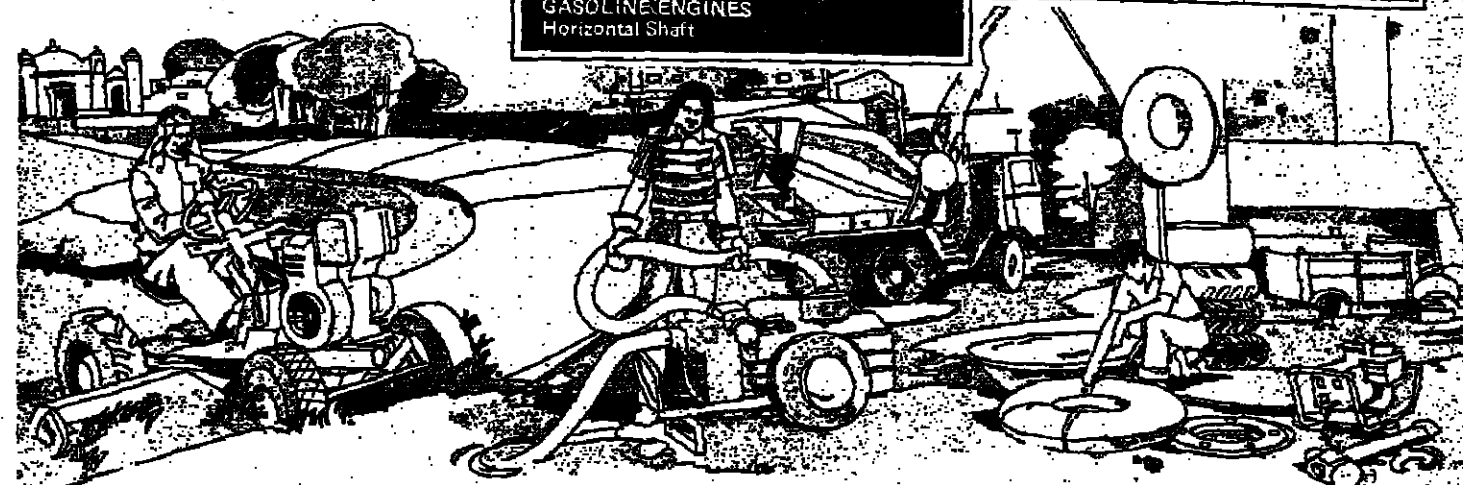
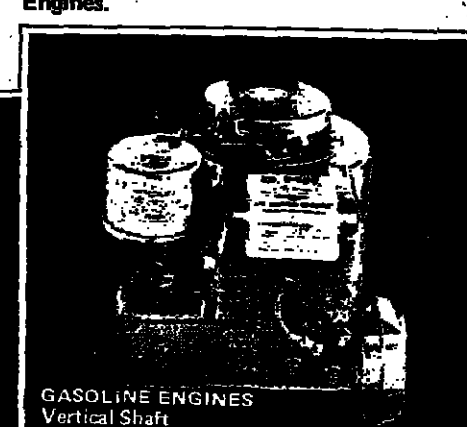
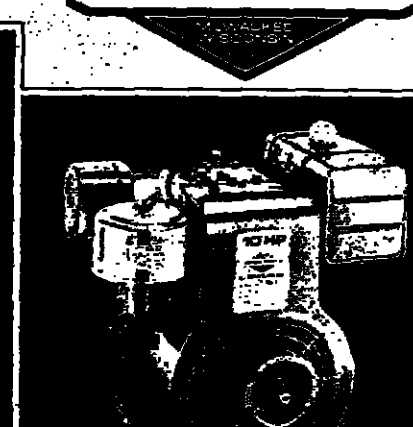
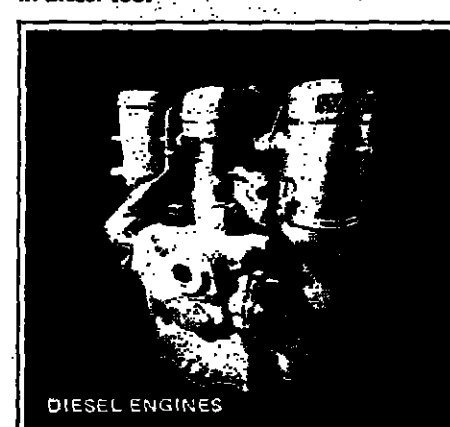
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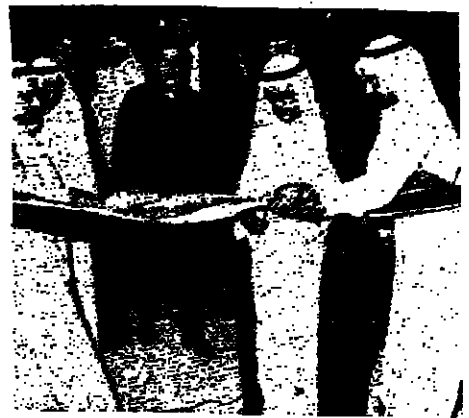
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New Saab range offers second generation turbo

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Nov. 26 — A wider range of Saab 1983 cars with the second generation turbo based on the APC (automatic performance control) system and asbestos-free brakes were unveiled here Thursday.

On display at the Al-Amoudi Bros. Co. Saab showroom are eight of its models. City



RIBBON-CUTTING: Deputy Mayor Dr. Muhammad Ali Khattani cutting the ribbon to mark the unveiling of the new range of Saab cars at the Al-Amoudi show room here Thursday.

Deputy Mayor Dr. Muhammad Ali Khattani cut the ribbon to mark the unveiling ceremony which was attended among others by the ambassadors of Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland and the commercial counsellors of the Scandinavian countries.

Bengt Odman, vice-president (sales and marketing) of Saab-Scania, one of Sweden's largest industrial groups which makes the Saab cars, in his welcome address said his company now wished to become a part of the growing commerce between the two countries by establishing its cars on the Saudi Arabian market.

Odman said Saab-Scania are specialists in advanced transportation technology and apart from passenger cars it produces heavy

trucks and buses as well as military and commercial aircraft.

"Saab was among the first to adopt front-wheel drive for safer and yet exciting road performance and a strong body construction to provide the best possible occupant safety," Odman said. More recently, Saab pioneered turbocharging as a means of improving engine performance without increasing fuel consumption.

"At first this was considered a radical step but is now being adopted throughout the industry," he said adding, "When others are introducing their first turbos, Saab is already making the second generation turbo based on the APC system which enables us to stay one step ahead in both performance and economy."

Odman said he was convinced that his company would succeed in Saudi Arabia, "because in the Saab 900 there is a product which will meet the high demands for comfort and safety that can be expected from car-buyers in this country. Our market research has shown that in the steadily growing car market here, there is a strong interest for cars with the performance and driving enjoyment offered by the Saab 900 Turbo."

Moreover, he said, his company had found an ideal representative in the Al-Amoudi Company headed by Ahmed Abdalla Al Amoudi and his three young sons, assisted by automotive manager Reino Albo and workshop manager Beany Gustavsson to handle the everyday operations.

The cars offered in the Saab 99 and 900 ranges are wider — the Saab 99 has a completely new front grill design and available in two-and four-door sedan versions, with five-speed manual transmissions and low-rolling resistance tires as standard on certain models.

The Saab 900 Turbo models, with the unique APC control system for improved performance and economy, are supplemented by additional special versions featuring a luxury package. The package includes choice of leather upholstery, electric sunroof, air conditioning and special alloy wheels with Pirelli P6 tires.



EYE-CATCHING CARPETS: Carpets of exotic colors and enchanting designs offered by 'Afghan souk' dealers at their exhibit at the Andalus Plaza of Arabian Homes here.

W. Region has 756 schools

JEDDAH, Nov. 26 (SPA) — There are 544 primary schools in the Western Region catering for some 129,192 students, 156 intermediate schools attended by 38,073 students and 56 secondary schools enrolled in by 13,982.

According to Western Region Education Director General Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid 55,101 students attend 164 primary schools in Jeddah, 36,590 students study at 138 schools in Makkah and 37,601 students in Taif's 242 schools.

At the intermediate school level, 16,735 students study at Jeddah's 47 schools; 11,136 in Makkah's 38 schools and 10,902 students in Taif's 71 schools. There are 20

Educational project contracts are signed

RIYADH, Nov. 26 (SPA) — Contracts for SR1.36 million worth educational projects were signed here recently by Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khwaiter. The projects, which include construction of buildings for primary schools and a library, have been commissioned to national companies.

The schools and library are to be built in Mahael and Bisha, while a building for the Education Directorate and a library are planned for Makkah, and a sports complex for Ahssa.

29 persons granted 65-donum farm plots each

MADINAH, Nov. 26 (SPA) — The allocation of 2,000 donums of agricultural land in the Sarhiyah area to 29 persons was recently approved by Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh. Each of those persons will be granted a 65-donum farm plot.

Madinah Agriculture and Water Director General Abdul Aziz Musallam said final

steps are being taken to hand over the plots to beneficiaries.

Speaking of other activities by the directorate, Musallam said the pest control department has treated more than 1,150 trees. The department also covered an area of 3,680 donums of agricultural land in Madinah. Mabid, Mulaileh and Makhfar.

'Afghan souk' dealers sell carpets, handicrafts

By Neveen Hamdy

JEDDAH, Nov. 26 — A truly breathtaking exhibition of handicrafts from Afghanistan, including an array of more than 70 carpets are usually displayed by dealers from the 'Afghan Souk' on Fridays at the Andalus Plaza of Arabian Homes in the boulevard just outside the coffee shop and grocery store.

Most carpets were of geometric and rectilinear patterns which are typical of those woven by the pastoral tribal people of Afghanistan. There were a variety of colorful kilims — a flat woven fabric made of wool, a jallor poidar — a carpet like ornamental awning placed over a doorway, and a khouirine which is a donkey bag.

Fur rugs from lynx and weasel skins, including tails were described as rugs, but actually would make quite a conversation piece as a three dimensional wall hanging. The price of one rug of 45 skins (tails and all) was a fairly reasonable SR2,500 before bargaining. For those traveling to a cooler climate there was a selection of fur jackets and coats of weasel, lynx, and fox.

Kochi nomadic tribal dresses were particularly striking. It is a loose fitting long garment with a bright patterned patchwork design and a beautifully hand embroidered bodice. Some of the dresses were old and described as antique — others were new, but all were well made.

There was a small display of jewelry including heavy silver bracelets and neck pieces, some inlaid with semiprecious stones and other pieces engraved with inscriptions from the Quran. There was a magnificent silver head covering designed so that silver tassels fall gently over the ears. This is called a wedding hat and was traditionally worn during the wedding ceremony.

Exploration of a half opened trunk revealed many of the finest and certainly unique pieces of jewelry and ornamentation. There were silver braid coverings and a variety of hair and head coverings of an intricate and delicate design.

There was a selection of heavy ornamental silver necklaces, a few gold plated and nearly as large as dinner plates, some were studded

with agate and other semiprecious stones. One particularly beautiful piece had a silver cylinder into which one is meant to insert a Surah from the Quran. Many of these articles were very expensive and probably not openly displayed for this reason. But for the connoisseur and collector this is a real find.

All in all it was a thoroughly fascinating morning. These and other similar items may be found in the Harat El Boukharia or perhaps better known as the 'Afghan Souk' which is located in the area of the T.V. Station building near the Jeddah water tower. It is best to ask directions from there as there are presently a number of detours due to construction. One particular shop which



AFGHAN JEWELRY: A young girl donning a magnificent silver wedding hat with silver tassels falling over the years — one of the jewelry items displayed by the 'Afghan souk' dealers at their exhibit at the Andalus Plaza of Arabian Homes here.

seems to have an exceptional selection of goods is located on the second floor of the first, two story building on the right side of the one way street. Explore all the shops in the area and you will find an attractive selection of handicrafts from Afghanistan.



"CITIZEN" DEALERS' TOUR: Thirty watch dealers who recently undertook a 10-day tour of Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan at the invitation of the Citizen Watches Company, Saudi Arabia. The dealers were amazed at the latest development of "Citizen" technology in the watch manufacturing field when they visited the Citizen watch manufacturing plants and head office.



SAAB CARS UNVEILED: A new range of Saab 1983 cars with second generation turbo, APC and asbestos-free brakes which are on display at the showroom of Al-Amoudi Bros. Co.

2,350 foodstuff, perfume samples rejected

DAMMAM, Nov. 26 (SPA) — Some 2,350 samples of foodstuff and perfume were rejected by the Damman Quality Control Laboratory between Oct. 28, 1981, and Oct. 17, 1982.

The laboratory analyzed a total of 31,245 samples during the same period referred by customs, municipal committees and commercial fraud authorities in the Eastern Province.

According to Ahmad Alawi Qasem, the laboratory director, samples were subject to chemical and bacterial analysis to determine

their viability for human consumption, consistency with standard specifications and being free from any prohibited or harmful substances. Samples are rejected if they fail to fulfill any of these conditions.

During the same period, the laboratory examined 3,465 samples of reinforcement bars which were subject to mechanical analysis. Of these, 28 were rejected for failing to meet Saudi Arabian standard specifications, Qasem said.

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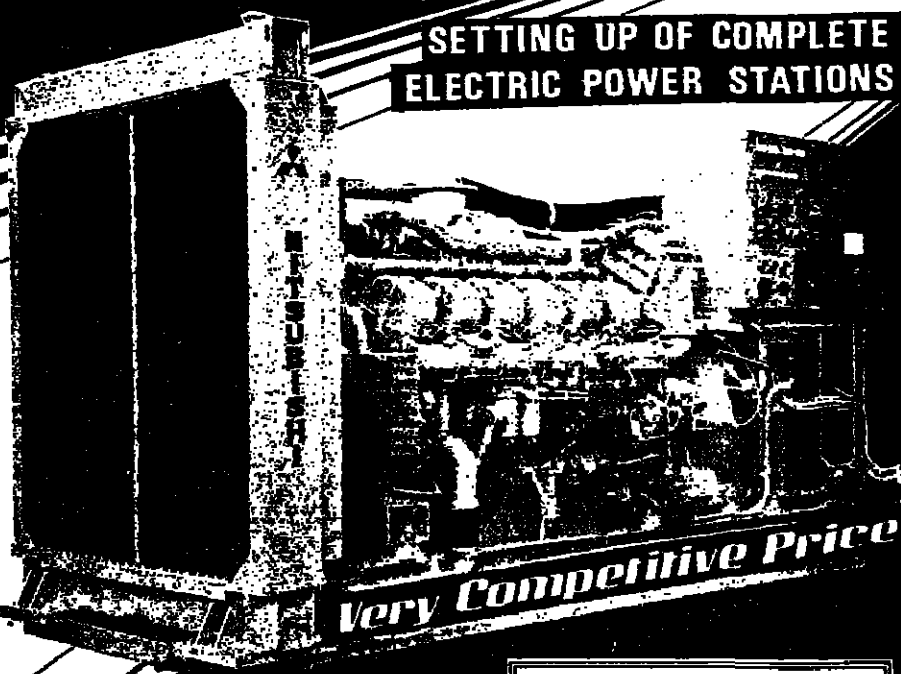
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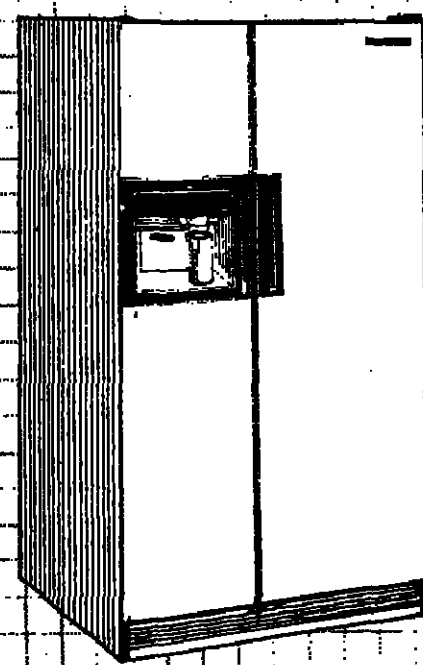
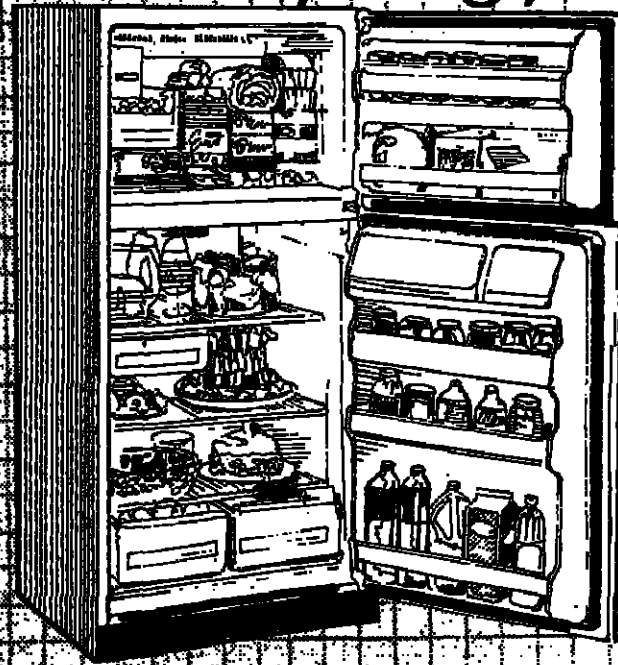
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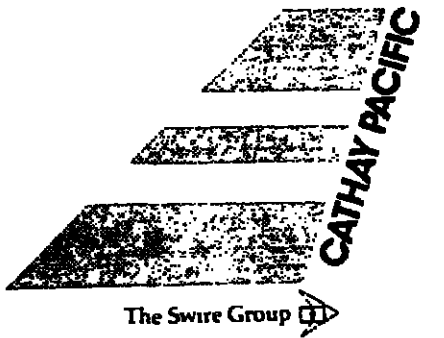
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GRAVE BLOW TO OAU

As the slaughter continues in Chad, the Sahara and other areas, the leaders of Africa have earned a damaging reputation as they bickered over the representation of Chad at the proposed meeting of the Organization of African Unity in Tripoli.

This is the second time that the 50 leaders of the continent fail to agree on some silly issues while other more momentous matters lie on the shelves of the organization and drawing worldwide attention to the incapacity of African leadership to reach a consensus.

"Chad is a tragic story written by Africans and outsiders operating through Africans. It started with a civil war fueled by Libyan leader Qaddafi who went to the extent of dispatching an army to prop up the shaky Goukouni. Egypt, Sudan and the United States intervened on behalf of Habre who later marched into the capital when the Libyans had to withdraw to enable Qaddafi to convene the OAU summit.

Of course neither Goukouni nor Habre can claim democratic legitimacy for their regimes nor can many of the regimes represented at the OAU. But this is beside the point. It is the failure of so many African leaders to find a modus vivendi and go on to debate the crucial issues of their continent that is a grave blow to African statesmanship.

ERSHAD'S BRAVE MOVE

Army commanders turned heads of state have often promised to return to the barracks eventually after straightening out the mess that their civilian predecessors had accumulated. Few of them, however, have kept their word and stayed on until they were ousted by another commander.

This has been almost the norm throughout the Third World which has been racked by military coups and the destruction of democratic institutions.

The other day Lt. Gen. Ershad of Bangladesh said he would surprise the nation by allowing the martial law government to work for a real democratic system. Until the end of 1984 when he hopes to organize general elections for a truly representative government, anything might happen, but the only intrinsic value of Ershad's declaration is that he is aware that the present system is not democratic and that an alternative is needed by popular choice.

This is a brave talk by a military leader even if he does little else to carry out his pledge by 1984.

Saudi Arabian press review

Commenting on Britain's attitude toward Palestinian representation of the Arab Follow-Up Committee set up by the Fez summit in September, *Okaz* Friday affirmed that following the tripartite meeting held in Algiers recently the Arabs would not agree to any country refusing to receive a PLO representative within the framework of the Arab League committee.

The issue is believed to have been discussed during a summit meeting held in Algiers by King Fahd, Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Okaz said it was now certain, after the tripartite summit, that the Arab nation will not accept that Britain or other countries refuse to receive the PLO representative on the committee. It added that the American stand as well as that adopted by European countries following the same course of refusing to receive the PLO delegate were "designed to pull the rug from under the feet of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

Al-Madina said the sufferings

of the Lebanese people revealed the dimensions of the terrible designs hatched against the Arab nation. It added that formerly Arab divisions had provided an opportunity to undermine Lebanon's security and freedom. "But the present Lebanese leadership, now trying to save Lebanon from its ordeal through the support of other Arab states, could achieve a lot provided the appropriate Arab atmosphere prevailed," it said.

Al-Jadid dwelt on the Palestine Central Council's meetings which began in Damascus Thursday, expressing the hope they would serve Palestinian national rights and render moves by the Arab League Committee more effective.

It said that Palestinian leaders were well aware that no one in the world, Arab, Muslim or foreigner, had the right to be their custodian, speak on their behalf or take any decision related to their national rights. "All Arab and international efforts to achieve a just and comprehensive political settlement will fail if they do not enjoy the approval and support of all Palestinians," the paper affirmed.

(SPA)

By Abdul Karim Aboukhar
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When U.S. President Ronald Reagan announced his peace initiative last September, he was hoping to repeat with King Hussein of Jordan what his predecessor President Jimmy Carter had done with the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, a well-informed American source has told the London-based *Al-Majalla* magazine, a sister publication of *Arab News*.

President Reagan thought that the Palestinian issue could be resolved during his term of office by means of a peace treaty between Jordan and Israel under U.S. patronage. America would have also guaranteed the agreement politically, economically and militarily, the source said. Reagan's bet on King Hussein was based on numerous factors, including his personal appreciation for the Jordanian monarch. Such an attitude became more evident after Hussein's visit to Washington last November.

After the first meeting between President Reagan and King Hussein in the White House, Hussein handed a 20-page "top-secret" memorandum to Reagan. The memorandum contained minute and important details on Jordan's positions and moves, especially with regard to Middle East peace efforts for the past quarter of a century or so. Reagan read the memorandum while Hussein was meeting with the then U.S. State Secretary Alexander Haig. He immediately contacted Haig and told him that there were many things he had ignored on Jordan's role and that the United States should support King Hussein and foster its relations with him. That incident marked the beginning of a close relationship between the U.S. and Jordan.

The source said that former President Carter had tempted Sadat in many ways and exerted all types of pressure on him to have/sign the Camp David accords. He thoroughly studied the psychology of the Egyptian president before conferring with him and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin at Camp David. He detected his weaknesses and virtues. So when the negotiations reached a stalemate there and Sadat was about to head back to Cairo, Carter told him that the failure of that summit would not only destroy him politically, but would be a major setback for America's policy in the Middle East. He said literally, "I need your help and rely on your wisdom, courage and foresight.... I shall convince the Arab states to back this treaty. Egypt may not be left alone. We shall help her and assist her in the various fields."

Sadat then agreed and signed the treaty. But, the source said, Reagan is convinced that Sadat, not Carter, was the greatest contributor in the success of the Camp David summit and the subsequent peace treaty. In the days that followed, as history has shown, Carter failed to win over the Arabs. Moreover, his support and assistance to Egypt and Sadat proved inadequate.

Now, added the source, Reagan hopes that King Hussein will become the "local partner" in the peace process to settle the Palestinian problem as Sadat was the "local partner" in Carter's peace plans. Reagan's hope after disclosing his initiative, was that he would obtain a quick approval from King Hussein to enter into peace negotiations. He would have then called a tripartite summit between the United States, Jordan and Israel to discuss the future of the West Bank, Gaza and the Palestinians. But Hussein did not repeat the Sadat experience. Though he hailed Reagan's initiative, he abstained from participating in any peace negotiations on the West Bank, Gaza and the Palestinians.

Well-informed Arab sources, close to the Jordanian authorities, told *Al-Majalla* that King Hussein frankly informed the Americans that he will not engage in any peace talks, except when two conditions are fulfilled. The first is an official endorsement by the highest Palestinian authority of his role as a negotiator. The second is an Arab support for such a Palestinian consent. Neither one has so far materialized.

The Reagan administration knows the reason for that. It recently received a series of reports from the area. Among such reports is one that clarifies the Palestinian position, because it deals with an Arab-Palestinian encounter that took place recently. The report sums up the actual Palestinian position as follows: Before mandating King Hussein, the Palestine Liberation Organization wishes that the United States and other Western European states recognize it as an independent and essential party in the peace process. If that happens, then an agreement with Jordan on the negotiations modalities about the future of the West Bank and Gaza would become more than likely, and even acceptable. The PLO is willing to facilitate this step, but would not, by any means, accept that it be canceled, removed as an independent party to the negotiations, or dissolved in any Jordanian or Arab formula. To facilitate the peace process, the PLO is ready to set up a Palestinian government in exile comprising members of the organization and leaders from the West Bank and Gaza. It is also ready to recognize Israel, depending on certain conditions.

This issue, in particular, was taken up in talks between PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasser Arafat and King Hussein. It was also explained by Hussein when he met with President Mitterrand in Paris last week and during talks with the Americans.

Last Nov. 16, President Mitterrand received at the Elysee Palace King Hussein who was leading the Arab seven-member-committee delegation. Members of the delegation included the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan, Tunisia and Algeria, the Moroccan education minister, Arab League Secretary General Chedli Klibi, and Abu Lutf (Farouk Kaddoumi), the head of the PLO's Political Department.

Mitterrand talked about the sufferings of the Palestinian people and the necessity to give them a homeland. The Arab side expounded the contents of the unified peace plan sponsored by the Fez summit and said that the parties concerned were well-disposed to end the state of belligerency with Israel. In exchange, they required Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories and the reinstating of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination. When Mitterrand raised the issue of Palestinian recognition of Israel, a delegation member said that such a recognition should be mutual and simultaneous between the PLO and Israel. It would take place at the negotiating table and when the peace process gets really started. That member also said that an official U.S. and Western recognition of the PLO would help in taking such decisions.

During the meeting, King Hussein also referred to Israel's frontiers issue. He said that such boundaries ought to be clear-cut and not subservient to Israel's expansionist designs, before any peace negotiations are tackled.

In addition to all that, the PLO sent several "signals" to the Reagan administration — some of them through certain personalities who conferred with Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz — about its willingness to enter into a dialogue with Israel if certain conditions are met.

But the Reagan administration didn't consider those "signals," or "hints" to be enough for open-

ing a dialogue with Arafat. It wanted clear and quick steps, like, for instance, the Palestinian National Council (PNC) meeting and empowering King Hussein to negotiate the future of the West Bank and Gaza. A well-informed American source said that what the United States wished was that Arafat go to Cairo and announce from there the establishment of a Palestinian government-in-exile. That government would issue a statement clearly recognizing Israel. Besides, some of the members of that government would join the Jordanian delegation to the peace talks. Nothing of all that has happened. Neither Arafat went to Cairo so far, nor the PNC met. Its meeting was put off till the beginning of 1983, i.e. after Hussein's planned visit to Washington, Dec. 1.

According to information received by *Al-Majalla* from authoritative U.S. and European sources, there are two opinions in the White House and within the administration on the Mideast and its recent developments. One group says that the Reagan administration has discharged its duty. It put forward a peace initiative aimed at removing the West Bank and Gaza from under Israeli occupation and settling the conflict between the Arabs and the Israelis. But the Arabs did not give a tangible and effective backing to such an initiative. That backing should have taken the form of a mandate to King Hussein to negotiate the future of the West Bank and Gaza and support to the monarch in the peace process. That group is also of the view that a battle should be started with Begin — a battle of pressures — to prompt him to participate in the peace talks over the West Bank and Gaza, in case the Arabs do not throw their lot behind the American peace initiative. But the group warns that time is not on the Arabs' side, because the Begin government has begun the actual annexation of the West Bank by increasing the number of settlements there.

The group argues that if Israel completely controlled the West Bank, there would be nothing anymore to negotiate. And that's what Begin wants. The Arabs not America, would be responsible. The group also pretends that America's position is strong in the Middle East. There is no substitute for the United States. The United States is the only substitute of the United States. The Soviet Union has lost if not all at least most of the cards, especially after Lebanon's invasion. Remember what former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told President Sadat. "Do not count on Russia. The USSR gives you weapons, but we give you peace." As for Europe, it cannot play an independent role in the area. For that reason, there is no alternative for the United States but the United States. And, in addition to all that, there is no risk of a war flare-up in the region. The dangerous thing about such an opinion is that Reagan seems to favor it.

The second opinion group led by U.S. Vice President George Bush and backed to a certain extent by Schultz says that the administration should not confine itself to disclosing its peace initiative. It should prevent Israel from actually annexing the West Bank. In other words, it should exercise pressure to freeze the establishment of any new colonies in the near future. That group also says that the state of no-peace and no-war cannot continue for a long time. It rather will bring matters to a head and lead

to unrest and destabilization and harm American policies and interests in the Middle East. The group further says that the Arabs have to be encouraged and see a genuine resolve to implement the Reagan initiative. But that cannot happen as long as Begin is permitted to do what he likes in the West Bank and Gaza.

When such information was brought to the knowledge of some prominent Arab personalities, they told *Al-Majalla* that the Arabs reject any American attempt to absolve themselves of any responsibility. America is responsible for Israel's behavior, not the Arabs. Until now, Begin is doing what he likes in the West Bank. He is implanting colonies; he ordered that 22 foreign university teachers be expelled because they refused to sign an undertaking not to lend their support to the PLO; and he is now preparing himself to deport 100 others. And what is the United States doing except for criticizing and exerting oral, not effective pressure on Begin? The Arab states think that the first basic step to show America's good faith and intent to bring about peace should be to bring pressure to bear on Israel so that it stops building those settlements and halts its actual annexation of the West Bank.

On U.S. envoy Philip Habib's mission, *Al-Majalla* has learned that Begin is also using the Lebanese card to prevent Reagan from pursuing his peace initiative. The Americans have promised Lebanese President Amin Gemayel to secure a partial withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian troops before Lebanon's Independence Day, Nov. 22. But they failed to do so because of Israel's intransigence. So President Reagan sent back his special envoy to the area to resume his mission after another envoy Morris Draper failed to make any progress. Habib's new mission is two-pronged.

First of all, Habib wants to ensure a partial withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces, coupled with a minute and specific timetable for the evacuation of all troops from Lebanon by the spring of 1983 at the latest. Habib also wants to reactivate the Reagan initiative and the peace process. That is why his tour will include visits to Saudi Arabia, Syria, Egypt and Jordan, in addition to Lebanon and Israel. He is expected to encounter serious difficulties in most of the Arab capitals, unless Reagan does not really halt Begin's designs in the West Bank and Gaza.

Negotiations between Lebanon and Israel have reached a deadlock because of Israel's conditions, foremost among which, as well-informed Lebanese and U.S. sources affirmed to *Al-Majalla*, are the following:

1 — Israel wants to have political and economic talks with Lebanon, not only military and security negotiations aimed at securing an Israeli troop withdrawal. It wants to sign a security agreement with Lebanon comprising a clause stipulating the signing of a peace treaty at a later stage. President Gemayel told President Reagan in Washington that Lebanon will not sign such a treaty with Israel, before similar treaties are signed with Jordan and Syria.

2 — Before signing such a peace treaty, Israel wants to normalize relations with Lebanon and to have open frontiers between the two countries for an active trade and tourist exchange. Moreover, Israeli officials have defied for the Lebanese the

formula they want. They want, at present, normal relations with Lebanon, like the one Israel once had with Iran under the Shah, not an exchange of ambassadors, but the establishment of a trade mission or office of Israeli representation in Lebanon, and something similar for Lebanon in Tel Aviv.

3 — Israel wants to have a right of air, sea and land control in Lebanon "to guarantee its own security." Furthermore, it wants cooperation between the military and security forces of the two countries.

4 — Israel wants to have a permanent control post at Jabal Al-Barouk in the Chouf area overlooking the Bekaa Valley. It is already, right now, mounting a huge radar and telecommunications center on that mountain to monitor military moves, not only at Al-Bekaa but also in Syria and Jordan. It built a special road to the area where the center is located. At the same time, Israel is working to construct a military airport near the same mountain. Obviously, the Israelis want to keep their military presence in Chouf.

Lebanon has rejected those Israeli conditions. President Gemayel stated publicly that "We shall not pay the price of the security of any state. We shall work for Lebanon's complete sovereignty over all its territories."

Habib's mission, before considering the troop withdrawal, calls for removing those Israeli conditions.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Nov. 27th, the 331st day of 1982. There are 34 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1723 — Coastal storm in England takes estimated 8,000 lives.

1879 — French chamber is moved from Versailles to Paris.

1926 — Communists revolt in Java, Indonesia.

1940 — Germany annexes French province of Lorraine during World War II.

1950 — United Nations troops retreat in Korea.

1961 — The Soviet Union proposes immediate ban on nuclear testing without international controls.

1962 — Britain agrees to provide arms to India to resist China aggression; Brazilian airliner crashes near Lima, Peru, killing 97 people.

1966 — U.N. General Assembly debates question of seating China.

1969 — South Yemen announces extensive nationalization program.

1971 — Three persons are killed as guerrillas in Northern Ireland launch new drive against British.

1981 — Poland's Communist leader tells government to submit anti-strike legislation to end wave of wildcat strikes.

Thought for today:

We may be willing to tell a story twice, but are never willing to hear it more than once — William Hazlitt, English writer (1778-1830).

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The terrorist Begin is growing a beard in mourning of his wife's death!

Image negative, biased and stereotyped

Arab scapegoat in U.S. media

By Cynthia Shanley
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HOUSTON — Most Americans have never seen an Arab outside the news media. And what kind of picture they are getting? One that is consistently negative, biased and stereotyped. Time and again Americans have been the unwitting victims of fraudulently deceptive information about the culture, the true image and the nature of Arabs.

Today, depictions and portrayals of the Arab as a terrorist, corrupter of American moral order, lecher and manipulator of the economy can be found everywhere in the United States — not only in the news media but on billboards, cartoons, television "sit coms," children's television and in best-selling novels as well. In the United States the Arab is held responsible for runaway inflation and, externally, he is made to appear as the mastermind behind international terrorism. It is "unpopular" to defend Arabs and American-Arabs.

Such propaganda has been following an accelerating course since the early 1900's when motion pictures made their first appearance. The creation of the state of Israel spawned a new Arab image which stresses cowardice, terrorism and greed. It is a false image which continues to persist in the face of all evidence to the contrary. While most minorities in the United States — blacks, Latinos, the American Indians and the Oriental — have finally come into their own in American media, the Arabs have been excluded from such cultural orientation.

The big question is why. Why does such overt propaganda exist in a country made up of educated people? The reasons are varied. One is the dominant force that communications exerts in the United States. According to one media scholar, Erik Barnouw, viewers feel that they understand, from television alone, what's going on in the world. They unconsciously look to it for guidance as to what is important, good and desirable, and what is not.

Another reason is America's need to have a "scapegoat." James J. Zogby, co-founder of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), writes: "As communism had been held responsible for all subversion in the 1950s, the P.L.O., Libya and Arab 'oil money' are today accused of encouraging and supplying such diverse movements as the IRA, the Iranian revolution, the Sandinistas, the Salvadorian revolution and the American Indian Movement. In the U.S. all opposition to or backing rank from, the official Israeli government policies, whether emanating from American-Arab organizations or Jewish peace groups or from such institutions as the AFSC, PUSH, or the Institute of Policy Studies, is painted with the 'terrorist PLO' or 'Arab petrodollar brush.' Thus, the creation of the Arab scapegoat."

A third explanation is rooted in the plain and simple fact of the ignorance of the American people. Americans find it hard to understand that which they know nothing or little about — in this case Arabic culture, religion, policies and tradition. They tend to view Middle Easterners as "all alike." This became evident in arguments by those who opposed the sale of Advanced Warning and control system aircraft (AWACS) and other military equipment to Saudi Arabia.

There is lack of understanding of who the Arabs are and where they have been. American media has failed, for whatever reasons, to show what Arabs have contributed to civilization. Congresswoman Mary Rose Oaker, D. Ohio, in a recent speech before the ADC in Chicago said it is time for Americans to start viewing Arab culture positively. "The Arab world is the cradle of civilization and the Arabs have contributed much to philosophy, music, art and the alphabet."

Probably the principal reason why this kind of propaganda continues is the Arab-Israeli conflict. Said Penny Johnson, communications director of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates, Inc. (AAUC), James Abourezk agrees with this explanation. In a 1980 speech during the Southern Leadership Conference convention in Cleveland, Ohio, the former south Dakota senator and son of Lebanese immigrants said: "When I am asked to speak about the Middle East, I have always found that audiences around the country hold a complete set of assumptions that run counter to the actual history of the Arab-Israeli struggle."

"These assumptions are honestly held, but they are the result of managed news, and, if you will, a serious propaganda effort on the part of Zionist politicians who have profited greatly from a totally misleading view of the actual situation."

"I believe it was Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda minister, who once said that if you tell a lie enough times, and prevent the other side from being heard, people will believe the lie," he said.

The association of Arab with terrorists or greedy oil sheikhs is an image orchestrated by Israel's propagandists and gleefully trumpeted by the American press. Abourezk added. He said the primary reason the propaganda continues is that Israel cannot continue its settler-imperialism policy of taking Arab land and of using cheap Arab labor without the full political, financial and military support of the United States. The more it (Israel) is able to degrade the Arabs, the more exclusive it hopes to remain in the eyes of its American sponsor," he explained. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that information supplied to the American public by Israel and the Israeli lobby in Washington is becoming increasingly misleading and unreliable.

Again, referring back to the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia, pro-Israel forces disseminated misinformation about the capabilities of the AWACS planes, the alleged risk of technology loss should AWACS fall into the wrong hands, the government and security system of Saudi Arabia and the fictitious threat to Israel that the AWACS would pose. Another example was the misinformation released by Israel following the attack on an Iraqi nuclear facility near Baghdad on June 7, 1981 as a "justification" for its bombing raid — misinformation made up of fabricated quotations and distorted facts. After the attack, Prime minister

Menahem Begin said that Israel had to attack the Iraqi facility because it was due to become operational within a month or two and that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had said Iran had nothing to fear from the nuclear reactor because it was intended to be used against Israel. He was uttering lies to mislead world public opinion.

In an article titled "The Other Anti-Semitism: The Arab As Scapegoat," James Zogby identifies the victims of anti-Arab propaganda. "In the United States, the targets most visibly associated with the Arab world are Americans of Arab descent. It is



they who will face the full brunt of ignorant bigotry which has characterized race-oriented violence in the United States. Arab-American merchants have had their properties vandalized; and Arab Christian churches in Denver were desecrated, an incident that went unreported; American-Arab children are frequently made the butt of ethnic taunting; and in at least three important instances, Arab-Americans with promising political careers were virtually "Arab-baited" out of public life."

James Abourezk says he was targeted for defeat by Jewish groups. "They accused me of being bought off by Arabs in their newsletter," he explained. "Then they sent a cover letter to all the people on my contribution list with Jewish-sounding names." Abourezk retired from the Senate in 1978 without seeking re-election.

Such abuses force Arab-Americans to hide their cultural identity and deprives Arab-American children of a positive role model, according to Abourezk.

Groups like the National Association of Arab-Americans (NAAA), the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), the Association of Arab-American University Graduates, Inc. (AAUC), the Palestine Congress of North America (PCNA) and Arab people to American People have pledged to fight Arab stereotyping and to educate Americans with accurate information concerning Arabs and the Middle East — an enormous task, but one which shows signs of progress because of hard work and dedication. How do they combat propaganda? By acting as a watchdog over television shows, advertising, books and newspapers and wherever else signs of anti-Arab stereotyping show up.

NAAA sponsored a study, for instance, that examined treatment of the Arab world and Islam in high school textbooks. Over 50 percent of the texts evaluated were considered "unacceptable" for use in school classrooms because of inaccuracies, distortions and negative stereotyping. The study, conducted in the District of Columbia, Montgomery County and Fairfax County, revealed problems that are national in scope because many of the books are used throughout the country.

Arab diplomats and Arab-American groups reacted with anger and dismay to the use of fictitious "Arab businessmen and oil sheikhs" by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to entrap U.S. businessmen and other officials on bribery charges. The operation was called "ABSCAM" and FBI undercover agents posed as wealthy Arabs or their



go-betweens and made case payoffs to the legislators in Washington and New York. "The fact that the FBI chose Arabs rather than another ethnic group is simply because American-Arabs are the last ethnics in America who can be demeaned and stereotyped without public outcry," said James Abourezk. Dr. Muhammad T. Mehdi, president of the American-Arab Relations Committee condemned the FBI's actions and urged the attorney general of the United States to rebuke the FBI and apologize to the Arabs. An apology was issued.

There are other examples of stereotyping. Today, the Arabs are the only ethnic group whom cartoonists and commentators insult with impunity. "Cartoonists take a cruel delight in exaggerating the physical features of Arabs in order to make them look ugly. They are shown surrounded with all the

paraphernalia of indecent affluence, tied to the accomplishments of lechery, avarice and deceit," said James Zogby. A March, 1980 issue of *Mechanics Illustrated* magazine showed an Arab holding a gasoline hose as cars passed by a gas station in the background, with a caption reading: "The cars that are driving OPEC crazy."

An episode of television's "Columbo" showed actors portraying Arabs as the bad guys. The Arab men in the show were strangely costumed. Instead of the traditional costume, the Arabs wore pillow cases, bed spreads and sheets, and some appeared to be wearing towels tightly held on the head by a rope. Jack G. Shaheen did a five-year study in the 1970s of television and found numerous examples of stereotyping like the one mentioned above and such as:

In a "Fantasy Island" episode a meek schoolteacher wanted to become an Arab sheikh with a harem. Giggling, scatter-brained Arab girls began to grant him all his wishes — but his college heartthrob who posed as a belly dancer. She was in the harem to save his life because the "real sheikh" planned to murder the schoolteacher. The teacher and his sweetheart easily managed to elude the bloodthirsty Arabs, portrayed as unsavory, inept assassins.

A "Rockford Files" episode focused on an American security guard who killed an Arab student. The guard begged Rockford, "Don't let them take me over there. They'll chop off my head and put it on a pole."

A "Sonny and Cher" cast sang "This Land is my Land" while standing on a map of the United States. Suddenly, out of the shadows, Arabs appeared. Instead of joining in the song, they soaked off with selected states.

The situation-comedy series "Alice" reflected the range of false images on entertainment programs. One episode depicted an Arab oil baron who had three wives but sought to make an American waitress his fourth because "in my country red hair is considered hot stuff," would take his bride-to-be and all her friends to his country in his modest 747; "Is one of those Arabs who is buying up the whole country," complained that he had a terrible experience at the gas station — he filled up his tank and had to pay too much for the gas; quoted his wise father who, among other things, said: "A man with no friends must dance with his camel."

Several cartoon series and children's shows slandered the Arabs, according to Shaheen's study. A "Woody Woodpecker" episode including an Arab dancing girl, pursued by an Arab sheikh who appeared from the hump of a camel. Sheikh El Rauncho snatched the dancer, but Woody came to the rescue, gave the sheikh a good beating and marched off with the heroine. Stereotyping also occurred in television commercials. An ad for Life magazine featured a number of slick photographs, including a group of uniformed Palestinians grasping automatic weapons. Life promised to "show Palestinian terrorists" to its readers.

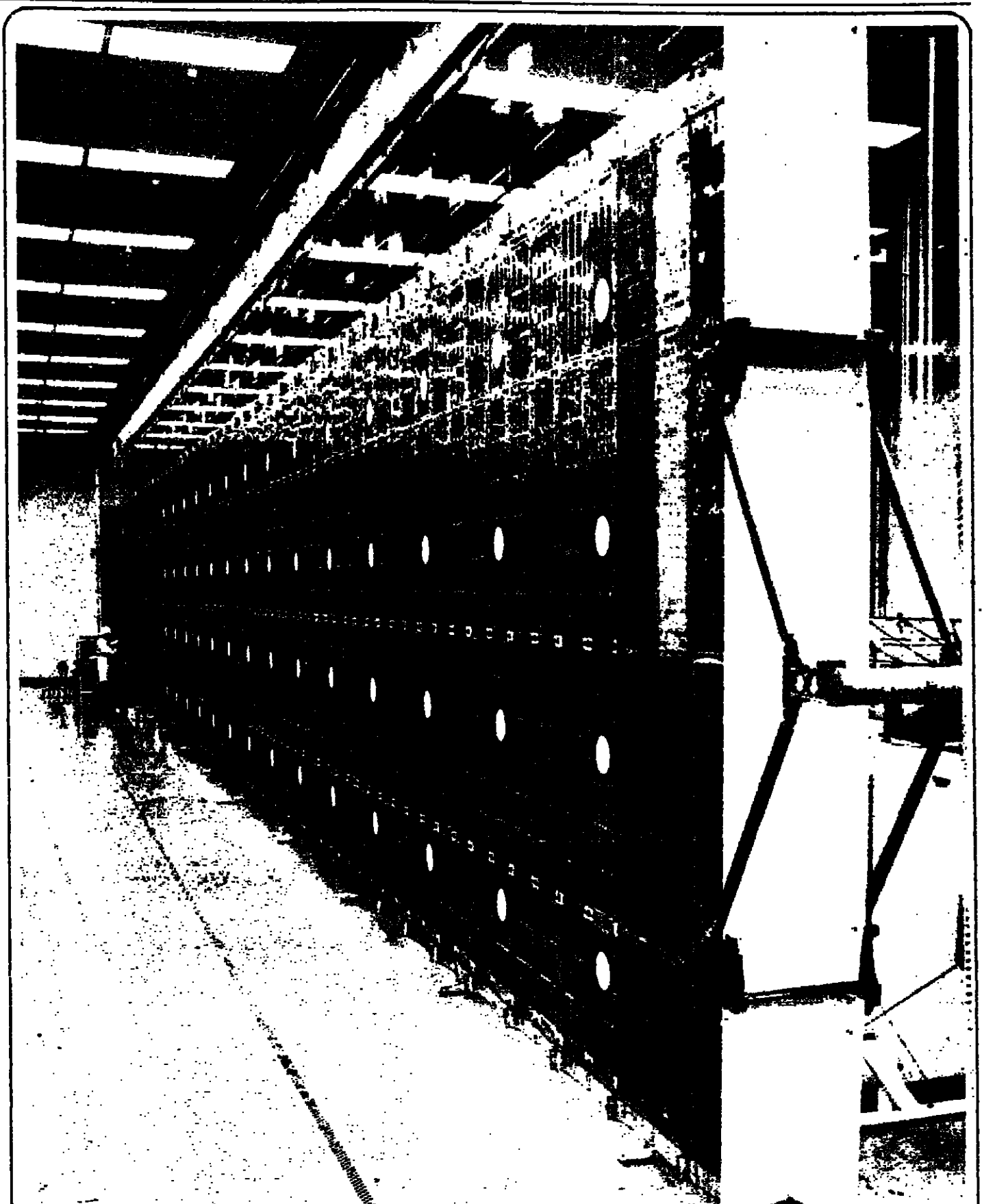
An ad for Volkswagen of America, Inc. showed bearded, robed and mysterious-looking Arabs with dark glasses snapping their fingers at veiled women. The sheikhs were very upset because of the Rabbit Diesel; it did not use gas so their "entire community is in jeopardy." ABC Television's "20/20" documentary "The Unholy War" aired April 2, 1981, was filled with dramatic, often grisly footage on the war being waged between the Palestinians and the Israelis. The Israelis were presented as the good guys and the Palestinians as bad. Repeated reference was made to the Palestinian-Israeli war as a proxy for Soviet-American global confrontation. The content of the footage shown was highly judgmental and slanted pro-Israel anti-Palestinian. The only view heard was clearly the Israeli version.

"The Unholy War" purported to deal with Palestinian "terrorism" without any attempt at understanding the historical causes or reasons for the Palestinian struggle. The Palestinian attack was labeled terrorism, while Israel's military attacks were described as reaction or retaliation, since Israel is "of necessity, fighting terror."

On Aug. 27, "20/20" broadcast another program called "If You Were President," which focused on a hypothetical takeover of a supertanker in the New York City Harbor by a group of Palestinians belonging to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The group threatened to blow up the tanker unless the U.S. government paid them \$1 billion and recognized the Palestinian state on the occupied West Bank. Arab-Americans who protested the show contended that it was obvious that the premise of the program was that the term "terrorism" was synonymous with Palestinians.

One of the most obvious cases of stereotyping by the Western media was displayed when Pope John Paul II was shot by a gunman May 13. The press began a wild speculation that the so-called terrorist Palestinian groups were backing the gunman. Then the press tried to link the gunman with Islam, as if to say that the second-largest religion in the world caused the gunman to try to kill the pope. Next came the editorials. Nationally syndicated columnists speculated that Islam and terrorism go hand-in-hand. They based this speculation on the idea that the would-be assassin is Muslim, therefore the Islamic religion is responsible for the attempted assassination. The idea is as ridiculous as suggesting that the Christian religion is responsible for the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan, since his would-be assassin is a Christian.

What made the Western press coverage even more abominable was the attempt to link the assassination plot to the Palestinian freedom movement. There have been reports absolving the Palestinians of any link with the assassination plot, but the damage is irreparable. The most recent project of the ADC is a protest lodged against a book released last mid-October by Grosset and Dunlap Publishers. The book *They Must Go*, written by Rabbi Meir Kahane, best known in the United States as the founder of the Jewish Defense League, calls for the expulsion of all Arabs from Israel and the occupied territories. It has been described by ADC Director James Zogby as "a tasteless and crude display of anti-Arab racism."



SOLAR EXPERIMENT: An experimental solar array wing as tall as a 10-story building is shown fully extended during tests at Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. The wing is being developed by Lockheed for NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, and will fly aboard the shuttle in 1984 for a solar array flight experiment.

Space shuttle's radar images reveal

Ancient rivers hidden under Sahara

By Barton Reppert

WASHINGTON (AP) — Radar on the U.S. space shuttle has revealed ancient riverbeds and valleys as mammoth as the Nile buried beneath the deserts of southwestern Egypt.

An article in the latest *Science Magazine* said the striking discovery of valleys and streambeds last seen by Stone Age man and since then known only in legend resulted from an "imaging radar" experiment carried aboard the shuttle *Columbia* in November 1981.

"These river systems were probably independent of the evolution of the Egyptian Nile," wrote the eight-member research team headed by John F. McCauley of the U.S. Geological Survey. "While the old saying that the Nile is Egypt... while true in a human sense, is not so apt geologically."

Another team member, archaeologist C. Vance Haynes, said of the radar pictures produced by the shuttle experiment: "They beggared the mind. They look through the sand."

Haynes, from the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona, said the images captured by

sophisticated gear aboard *Columbia* may amount to radar maps to the settlements of prehistoric peoples who roamed the now-inhabitable region as early as 200,000 years ago.

In their magazine account, the scientists noted that legends about the "Bahr-Bela-Ma" or "great rivers without water" in the midst of the Sahara have been told since ancient times. However, the sprawling river valleys remained hidden beneath sand until the shuttle managed to yield radar images unobtainable by optical reconnaissance methods.

In the Egyptian region known as the Arabian Desert, rain falls only every 30 to 50 years. Such extreme dryness enabled radar signals to penetrate the sand down to about 15 feet below the surface, compared with a depth of only a few inches into wetter terrain.

Researchers were able to trace outlines of hidden river valleys because bedrock a few feet under the sand bounced back bright radar images, while deeper valleys showed as great dark veins.

About 2 million years ago the climate of

the area dried suddenly, changing from savannah or grassland to desert. But scientists have identified three periods: about 200,000 years ago, 60,000 years ago and 10,000 years ago when the area received enough rain to permit human habitation. The magazine article said the shuttle radar-imaging experiment succeeded in "revealing previously unknown buried valleys, geologic structures and possible Stone Age occupation sites."

Carol Breed of the U.S. Geological Survey astrogeology branch in Flagstaff, Arizona, said some of the hidden valleys discovered with the radar-imaging technique are more than 9 miles wide.

In September, scientists from the Flagstaff facility and the jet propulsion laboratory went to the areas of southwestern Egypt where the shuttle pictures indicated they should find remains of the long-vanished rivers. They dug test holes up to 3 feet deep. "We encountered river gravels at those depths," Miss Breed said. "We didn't have to go deeper. In most cases, the river gravels are just below the surface, which consists of a veneer of flat, windblown sand."

Incas on warpath in the name of Mao

By Ian Mather

LIMA (ONS) — Cesar, a Peruvian medical instructor, was traveling with friends in the central Andes when hooded men stopped their vehicle at gunpoint. The gunmen made them stand with their hands on the car roof and listen to readings from the thoughts of Chairman Mao and from "Comrade Gonzalo," their ideological leader. Then passing only to collect 500 soles — around 70 cents — from each person they vanished. Cesar and his friends were lucky. This was one "action" of Peru's Maoist-oriented Sendero Luminoso (or Shining Path) guerrillas that did not end in death.

Since March, when Shining Path stepped up its terrorist campaign to try to bring down the democratically elected government of President Belaunde Terry, it has carried out 3,000 such actions. The guerrillas have killed over 80 police officers and "informers" and caused numerous explosions, resulting in frequent electricity blackouts in many parts of the country. Two weeks ago around 40 "Senderistas" burst into the police station in a small town in the province of Tarma and shot dead four policemen. Many well-coordinated attacks using groups of up to 100 gunmen have been carried out with the result that in some areas wealthy landowners and businessmen are forming private armies for their own protection.

The activities of Shining Path, often carried out with impunity, pose a threat to Peru's fragile democracy, re-established last year after 12 years of military rule. Western diplomats are concerned that President Belaunde may be resorting to increasingly dictatorial measures but the president vigorously denies this. In an interview at the presi-

dential palace this week, Belaunde reacted angrily when I asked him about allegations that his government is becoming repressive and out of touch with the people.

"You are looking at the only president in Peru in the last 50 years who has not had one person sent into exile," he said. "I was exiled myself and so was my father before me. There has never been a government more in contact with the people than mine. Try to find a president who visited every one of the 157 provinces of Peru as I have done, and I am still only in mid-term."

"This week I spent five days traveling through Peru. Instead of simply making a one-and-a-half hour air journey I traveled by boat across Lake Titicaca, the holy lake of the Incas, and then by train stopping at every station. I passed through the places where there have been incidents to demonstrate that I can go anywhere. I thought it was my duty to walk in the streets and the plazas to restore the image of democracy."

Shining Path differs from the South American guerrilla movements of the mid-60s which attempted to emulate the victory of Fidel Castro. Like them it believes that the cities will be conquered and revolutionized after a prolonged "people's war" in the countryside. But unlike them it is not directed by town-bred Marxist ideologues. Shining Path speaks for Peru's Indians, many of whom live in a state of utter depression in the central Andean provinces of Ayacucho, Apurimac and Huancavelica, the so-called "Indian Blot".

Its leaders speak Quechua, the language of the Indians. Many of the leaders are frustrated failures from Peru's private pre-university academies which are supposed to bridge the gap between school and university.

Shining Path tells the Indians that one day they will rule again as the Incas did. In the Peruvian Andean regions "whites" — that is those of Spanish descent and those of mixed blood — are considered foreigners and potential targets.

"Comrade Gonzalo", whose thoughts are said by the guerrillas to "enrich" those of Mao, is the *nom de guerre* of Abimael Guzman, a philosophy lecturer at the University of Ayacucho who went into hiding in 1976 after becoming a dedicated Marxist. The guerrillas also quote extensively from a Peruvian Marxist of the 1930s, Jose Carlos Mariategui, whose "shining path" they are following. According to Guzman, the Soviet Union, China under its present leadership and Albania are the three arch-betrayers of "Marxism-Leninism-Maoism."

No convincing evidence has been produced to support claims that Shining Path depends on outside help. Lack of sophisticated arms is compensated for by tight organization and careful planning. The movement is run on classic Communist Party lines with strictly separated cells and untested recruits being given the least important tasks. Whereas terrorist actions in Lima are sporadic, in Ayacucho and the Indian regions they are continual. So powerful has Shining Path become in these areas that the ruling party, Accion Popular, has been forced to become as clandestine as the guerrillas themselves.

In Ayacucho, only 35 minutes from Lima by plane but a two-day journey through the mountains by road, walls are daubed with Shining Path slogans, the occasional red flag flies openly, and the tourists have vanished.

Belaunde's government is accused by its political opponents of suppressing human rights in its attempts to defeat the guerrillas.

Mitterrand predicts 1983 summit failure

PARIS, Nov. 26 (Agencies) — President Francois Mitterrand predicted in an interview published Thursday that the 1983 Western economic summit in the United States would fail, like its two predecessors. It is just used for domestic propaganda.

In an interview with the newspaper *Le Monde* just before leaving for a trip to Egypt and India, Mitterrand was asked if he was still keen on reforming Western relations following the failure of the Versailles summit of the seven major Western industrial powers June 4-6.

"What you call the failure of Versailles was already the failure of Ottawa a year earlier, and will be the failure of Williamsburg next year, if the 'summits' in question remain. As I found them (on taking office), only propaganda platforms for internal political use," he said.

He said the alliance had been steeped in misunderstanding for too long, and it would **Ugandan bodies found**

KAMPALA, Nov. 26 (AFP) — Six bodies, two of them of murdered and mutilated Ugandan policemen, have been found on an island in Lake Victoria by searchers looking for eight men missing for a week. The eight were last seen alive last Thursday, boarding a government boat to start a hunt on the lake for thieves who had stolen a number of fishnets from the Ministry of Fisheries in Jinja, 50 miles east of Kampala.

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be a reform to simply "dot the i's." France had done this, he said, in rejecting the U.S. unilateral embargo on the Soviet gas pipeline and in refusing to agree to what President Ronald Reagan called an agreement on East-West Trade last week.

Mitterrand said he was opposed to "any form of economic blockade on the Soviet Union," saying a trade deficit could be "politically regrettable." He did not want to see anyone "insidiously starting to call the sale of butter or chickpeas to Russia 'strategic'."

Mitterrand said he would continue to condemn the imbalance in European nuclear forces because of Soviet tactical missiles, but would continue to refuse to join disarmament talks, or have the French nuclear deterrent included in their calculations.

"The United States and Russia have enough to destroy each other many times over. To disarm, or rather slow down their over-arming (they are negotiating anything else at Geneva) leaves them an enormous safety margin."

"Not France to renounce even the smallest part of our current defense strength would be to abandon ourselves to the good will of the most powerful. No argument will change my opinion on that."

Mitterrand said the emergence of Yuri Andropov as head of the Soviet Communist Party would inevitably alter Moscow's actions.



Mrs. Margaret Thatcher



Michael Foot

Thatcher, Foot clash on MX

LONDON, Nov. 26 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Labor opposition leader Michael Foot clashed in the House of Commons on Thursday over President Ronald Reagan's intention to deploy new MX missiles in the United States. The two politicians angrily hurled accusations at each other for nearly 10 minutes in one of their most bitter confrontations.

The uproar came during prime minister's question time. Foot demanded to know why Mrs. Thatcher had not questioned Reagan's decision which, he said, gave "new impetus to the arms race."

With the United States due to deploy 160 Cruise missiles in Britain beginning next year, as part of NATO's nuclear defenses, the issue is a sore point for the Labor Party which is committed to unilateral British nuclear disarmament.

Mrs. Thatcher said MX deployment had been sanctioned by former President Jimmy

Carter. She cited the nuclear weapons based in the United States and in the Soviet Union and said to Foot: "I wish you were as concerned for our defenses as you are for their's."

Amid uproar, Foot retorted: "I am extremely concerned as I imagine every sane man and woman in this country is to stop the nuclear arms race. So far you have shown not the slightest interest in the subject."

The prime minister replied: "I hope you will turn your criticisms to the Soviet Union instead of the United States."

Foot said: "What we want to discover is whether the British government has any policy on this matter. When will you say anything on these matters that is slightly different to saying ditto to President Reagan?"

Mrs. Thatcher ended the exchange by saying she was waiting for Foot to condemn the deployment of Soviet SS-20 nuclear missiles.

Faithful to American friends

Kohl outlines foreign policy

BONN, Nov. 26 (Agencies) — West Germany's foreign policy will be based on concertation with the United States, open-minded toward the new Soviet leadership and a belief in the necessity of strengthening Common Market ties, Chancellor Helmut Kohl said.

In his first major foreign policy address since assuming the chancellorship last month, Kohl told parliament Thursday that questions concerning the nation's security and relations with the Communist bloc could only be resolved in close cooperation with the United States.

"Our American friends can be assured that we will be faithful partners" where those vital issues were involved, he told the Bundestag. The new chancellor made no mention of the Middle East in his speech, observers noted.

He said West Germany was ready to "react positively" to any initiative to improve East-West relations by new Soviet leader Yuri Andropov. But he warned that the situation in Poland and Afghanistan as well as the Soviet position in current nuclear disarmament talks would continue to influence West German policy. He confirmed the visit of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to Bonn in mid-January to discuss the future of West German-Soviet relations.

Reporting on his talks with leaders of the United States, France, Britain and Italy, Kohl said the most pressing challenge was to restore the balance in medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe. He reaffirmed that West Germany would deploy U.S. Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles from late next year unless the Soviet Union agreed by then to remove its SS-20 missiles.

Diplomats said the statement showed an almost total continuity of foreign policy between Kohl's government and its left-liberal

predecessors.

Kohl made clear that West Germany was not prepared to deploy more U.S. missiles than foreseen in the 1979 NATO decision. He appeared to be referring to recent reports that the United States had asked Bonn to deploy secretly more than its allotted 108 Pershing-2 missiles earlier than planned next year.

The conservative *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, which is close to the new government, reported this month that the U.S. military wanted to deploy twice as many Pershing-2 missiles without telling the public.

The chancellor said the Western alliance had been strengthened by the settling of several trans-Atlantic disputes since he took office. "By moving closer together we have succeeded in recent weeks in clearing up differences of opinion that have weighed on trans-Atlantic relations," he said.

Peking intrusion alleged

BANGKOK, Nov. 26 (AFP) — Vietnam accused Communist China of mounting fresh provocations and intrusion across their common border, killing or wounding eight villagers recently. The Vietnam News Agency said dozens of Chinese regular troops and many groups of militiamen crossed the frontier on Nov. 11, felling trees, destroying crops and wounding two civilians before being "put to flight."

Five days later, dozens of Chinese troops intruded into another district, opening fire on farmers and killing or wounding six, the report alleged. It said Chinese forces had made "dozens of attacks with rifle and mortar fire" in a third border zone destroying a number of houses and killing many domestic animals.

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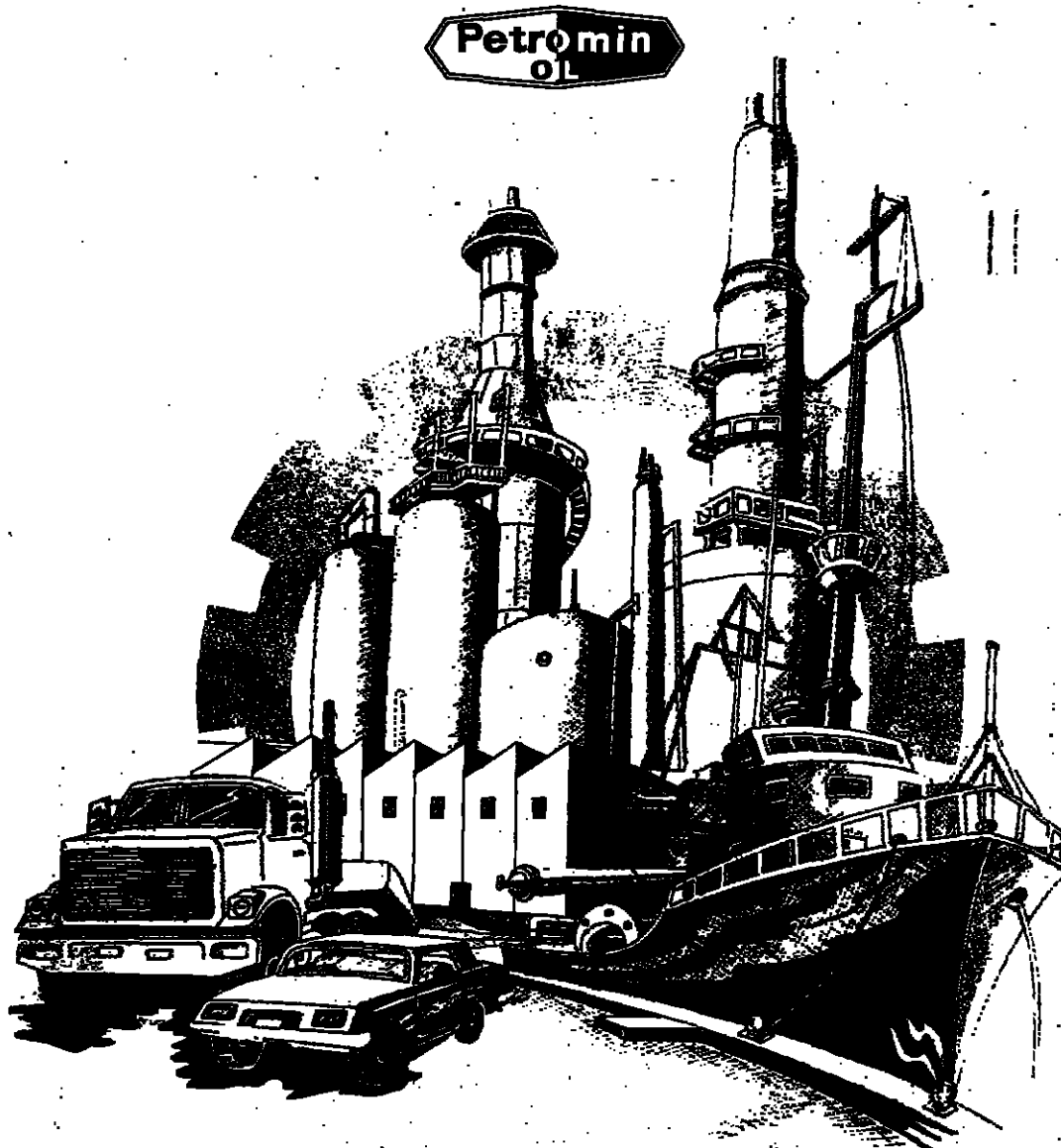
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U.S. looking for Pretoria flexibility

Shultz, Botha discuss Namibia

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz met Friday with South African Foreign Minister P.W. Botha to seek a formula for achieving black majority rule and independence in the South African-controlled territory of Southwest Africa.

U.S. officials said Shultz was looking for signs of South African flexibility for ending what has become an impasse in the five-year international negotiating effort to make the country independent.

South Africa, with strong American support, insists it will not relinquish control over Southwest Africa, also known as Namibia, if there is not a concurrent agreement leading to the withdrawal of some 20,000 Cuban troops from Angola, Namibia's northern neighbor.

U.S. Vice President George Bush told

African leaders during his recent seven-nation tour of the continent that Washington is committed to maintaining the link between Angola and Namibia issues. That linkage has been widely criticized by black African leaders, who argue that Namibia should be granted independence irrespective of the Cuban presence in Angola.

Black African officials contend the United States and South Africa have delayed achievement of independence in Namibia by linking that objective to the withdrawal of Cuban troops. South Africa has launched repeated military raids into Angola in an attempt to destroy bases maintained there by the Southwest Africa People's Organization, Namibia's main guerrilla group.

U.S. officials said they hope South Africa will break the current impasse by making a unilateral gesture toward Angola, such as a

ceasefire or a partial withdrawal of its forces from Angola.

They said during Botha's visit, U.S. officials plan to explore his thinking on that possibility. "We'll be planting seeds," one said. He added Shultz also planned to make clear to Botha Washington's opposition to any move by South Africa to impose a settlement in Namibia by unilaterally declaring independence and installing a pro-South African government there.

"The bottom line for the United States has to be an internationally acceptable settlement for Namibia," the official said. The U.S. objective in pursuing a negotiated settlement is to "remove Namibia as a source of contention in our relations with the rest of Africa," he said. The current central authority in Namibia is the South African-backed Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, which has been installed as a provisional government.

The United States has been joined in the effort by France, Great Britain, West Germany and Canada. They have been attempting to implement a U.N. independence plan and to enlist the cooperation of interested parties ranging from black African states to the Soviet Union.

Chester Crocker, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, last month held extended talks with Soviet officials to assure them that the proposed Cuban withdrawal from Angola would not jeopardize the pro-Soviet government in that country.

South Africa's main concern has been that SWAPO, which it regards as Marxist led, could gain power in free elections that are contemplated as part of the process leading to independence.

Leningrad flooded

MOSCOW, Nov. 26 (AP) — Gale-force winds caused the Neva River to spill over its banks in Leningrad, flooding factories and blocking a dozen thoroughfares, Tass reported. Civil defense units and police mobilized to combat high water in the historic Russian city kept damage to a minimum, and there were no casualties, the Soviet news agency said.

Tass said water rose 2.07 meters above the usual mark in the Neva River and canals in the center of the city, driven by high winds blowing from the Baltic Sea. "Some streets and embankments, basements of houses and the territory of a number of enterprises have been flooded. Traffic halted on 12 transport routes of the city," the report said.

The winds which were caused by a cyclone in the area of the British Isles, gathered strength early Thursday and reached gale force by morning.

Meteorologists gave a "timely warning" to the city commission for combating natural disasters, and the population was warned about the impending flood, Tass said in its brief report.



DEATH ON PORCH: The body of an American lies on the porch steps of a home in Buffalo, New York, after the man, who had held his girlfriend hostage during a six-hour siege, placed a shotgun under his chin and committed suicide. A police officer squats to the right and recoils from the shotgun blast.

South African prisoners go on fast

PRETORIA, South Africa, Nov. 26 (AP) — A number of inmates on Robben Island, South Africa's main jail for political prisoners, have been on hunger strike since lunchtime Tuesday. It was announced Friday.

Lt. Gen. J. F. Otto, commissioner of prisons, said in a statement that in some sections of the prison all inmates continued to eat and some who had joined the hunger strike had resumed eating.

But he also said the hunger strike had spread gradually to involve some new sections of the prison. He did not disclose the reasons for the hunger strike, but said an investigation had begun to determine any complaints and their validity. Robben Island

is located in Table Bay offshore from Cape Town.

Prison department officials said early this month that 289 political prisoners remained on Robben Island. Nearly all are black, mixed-race or Asian. The number of inmates has declined in recent years and the government says it will close the prison when alternative facilities become available.

The country's most famous political prisoner, African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, and several other well-known "security offenders" were moved earlier this year to Follsmooc Prison on the mainland near Cape Town.

William blond, not redhead, Di says

ABERDOVEY, Wales, Nov. 26 (AP) — Mother knows best, and Princess Diana says her five-month-old baby son Prince William is blond, not a redhead.

Princess Michael of Kent, wife of the queen's cousin, was quoted in the London *Daily Mirror* this week as saying William had "little tufts of red hair all over his head. I thought you all knew that."

Diana put the record straight in no uncertain fashion Thursday during a tour of Wales with her husband Prince Charles. "He hasn't

got red hair. He's fair," she told crowds of well-wishers at Aberdovey.

"Masses and masses of blond hair," she reported at Tywyn. "He's got a mass of beautiful blond hair," she pronounced at Penre. "He's lots of fair hair," she declared at Rhydyronen.

"He has the most wonderful mass of blond hair," she announced at Dolgellau. "William is blond," she asserted at Barmouth.

"The prince's hair is blond," added a Buckingham Palace aide, for the benefit of anyone who might have missed the point.

Portugal army accepts new role

TOMAR, Portugal, Nov. 26 (R) — The chief of Portugal's armed forces said the military accepted as natural its subordination to civilian power, but urged political leaders to be careful not to upset the armed forces.

Gen. Nuno Melo Egidio said Thursday the new defense law, approved by parliament Wednesday night for the second time, would introduce significant changes in military institutions. "We have always insisted we accept as natural this new positioning of the armed forces in the national context," he said.

"But profound changes need to be handled very carefully to avoid upsets in the smooth running of institutions, particularly the military which is, as we all know, extremely sensitive," he added. Gen. Melo Egidio was speaking at a ceremony in central Portugal to commemorate the seventh anniversary of a military counter-coup against pro-Communists in 1975.

It was the first time the anniversary had been celebrated since the revision of the revolutionary constitution last summer which, alongside the new defense law, ended the military's right to political activity. The ceremony, held in pouring rain, was attended by Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemão and President Antonio Ramalho Eanes.

Laser bomb fear humbled Argentina

LONDON, Nov. 26 (AFP) — The Argentine military surrendered during the final attack on Port Stanley in the Falklands War because it knew Britain was going to use laser bombs, *The New Scientist* Weekly reported.

The report said the Argentine chief of staff headquarters on the island was to be the first target of four Harrier fighter planes carrying the bombs.

The British Defense Ministry refused to comment on the report. A spokesman said he could only say that the four fighters were "called back" after the Argentine surrender.

The New Scientist said the British officers deliberately transmitted their attack plan to their troops in English and not in code because they knew the announcement of bombardment would have a "demoralizing" effect on the enemy. Meanwhile, Col. Ivar Hellberg, a ground force commander during the battle, said a breakdown in communications between Argentine officers and their troops triggered an air defeat.

In another development Prime Minister Mrs. Thatcher refused to impose an embargo on British companies manufacturing compo-

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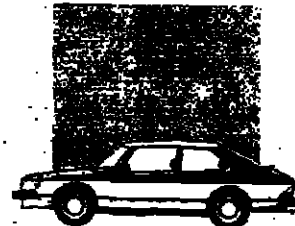
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Lawson sends England tumbling

BRISBANE, Australia, (AP) — A hostile Geoff Lawson, backed by fine catching from the Australians, saw England collapse in spectacular fashion on the first day of the second cricket Test at the Brisbane Cricket Ground Friday.

When bad light ended play 64 minutes early, England has struggled to 219 for nine, never recovering from Lawson's early jolt that had the tourists reeling at 13 for two in the less than an hour.

Lawson gave his skipper, Greg Chappell, the necessary support after Australia won the toss for the second time in succession — and sent England in to bat. Lawson was able to take advantage of the early life and the unexpected last minute replacement of opener Geoff Cook who was injured at practice Thursday.

His stand-on Graeme Fowler, was the first of Lawson's five victims when he was magnificently caught by Bruce Yardley for seven. By lunch Lawson had also accounted for Chris Tavare (1) and David Gower (18) and Chappell's risk was paying off handsomely. Allan Lamb, England's No. 4, and hard-hitting allrounder Ian Botham staged a mid-innings revival. The pair added a sizzling 78 in only 68 minutes for the fourth-wicket, refusing to be subdued by the enthusiastic Australian attack.

Lamb put together an attractive 72, dissecting the field with 10 boundaries, while Botham hit a whirlwind 40 off only 40 deliveries. The England allrounder hit a six and six fours before the became spinner Bruce Yardley's first victim of the innings. While the two aggressive Englishmen were

at the crease, the tourists hopes of a worthwhile revival were sky-high and with the scoreboard reading 141 for three a sizeable first innings total looked on the way. But the persistent Lawson continued to harrass the batsmen and he finally had Lamb out to a wide diving catch by Rod Marsh.

The dismissal brought the Australian wicketkeeper is total number of test catches to 300. He added another on the next ball when he jumped high to bring down an uncontrolled edge from the first ball Geoff Miller faced from Lawson.

New pacebowler, Rackemann, had to wait until his 17th over before he claimed his first Test wicket, but he bowled impressively throughout and his two for 61 from 21 overs was just reward. Late in the innings Yardley added the wicket of Bob Willis and his two for 51 from 17 overs of spin was again the perfect foil to the Australian speed attack.

Only recalled paceman Jeff Thomson failed to break and he remained wicketless after eight overs which cost 43 runs. Thomson showed some glimpses of the fiery speed which was his main weapon in past seasons, but Chappell was forced to use him sparingly because of Thomson's lack of length and direction.

Australia failed to wrap up the end of the innings with tailenders Eddie Hemmings and Norman Cowans adding an unbeaten 24 for the tenth-wicket before dark storm clouds swept across the ground causing play to end early.

Cowans had been included in England's final XI in preference of Derek Pringle, while Australia again named young Queenslander Greg Ritchie as its 12th man.

The crowd of about 14,000, the biggest at the Brisbane Cricket Ground this season, was mainly well behaved throughout, although at least one man was arrested after a fight broke out on the outer hill late in the day.

Thomson suffered the indignity of providing the only six of the day — a soaring hook by Botham which landed on the greyhound track surrounding the Oval.



WEIGHING THEIR CHANCES: Larry Holmes (left), the World Boxing Council's heavyweight champion, watches with bulging eyes as challenger Randy 'Tex' Cobb weighs in heavier than him. The title bout is set for Friday night at Houston Astrodome.



CATCHES THE EYE: Australian pacer Bruce Yardley (prostrate), brings off a spectacular catch to dismiss England opener Graeme Fowler off Geoff Lawson as a teammate rushes to congratulate him. England miseries began from this dismissal in the second cricket Test at Brisbane Friday.

Holmes' experience may stand him in good stead

HOUSTON, Texas, Nov. 26 (AP) — Larry Holmes, happy about the absence of the high-voltage tension that surrounded his last fight, defends the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title Friday night against Randy "Tex" Cobb, the WBC's No. 5-ranked contender.

"I wouldn't put anybody through what I went through," said Holmes of the pressure cooker atmosphere of his defense against previously unbeaten Gerry Cooney last June 11 at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Holmes still bristles about what he feels was unfair treatment by the media and members of the public in the weeks leading up to the Cooney bout, which he won when he stopped the previously unbeaten challenger in the 13th round.

The champion was accused by some of being a rabbit, and he feels he was treated as if he were the challenger. None of that has occurred here. In fact, Holmes' 13th title defense against Cobb, who, like Cooney, is remarkable for his lack of hype. A small crowd is expected in the Astrodome.

Also featured on the show will be a 12-round bout in which Greg Page of Louisville, Kentucky, will defend the United States Boxing Association title against James "Quick" Tillis of Chicago.

Of course, there is pressure on Holmes, who is 40-0. With 30 knockouts, and who has made 12 successful title defenses. "My biggest challenge is when I get in the ring Friday night," said the champion. "I'm unbeaten and I want to stay that way. Nobody in the world likes losers." The late Rocky Marciano, 49-0, with 43 knockouts, is the only heavyweight champion to retire unbeaten.

Holmes, who became 33 Nov. 3, appears to be considering retirement. But Holmes also said he could fight more than once if the

money is right — such as \$25 million for a rematch against Cooney. "I don't think Larry Holmes is old at 33," he said.

The 26-year-old Cobb has a physical edge of over Holmes. Each stands 190.5 cm. And Holmes and Cobb are actually even in reach — 205.7 cm to 203 cm in favor of Holmes — but Cobb is bigger and heavier — 106.3 kg to 98.7 kg.

But Holmes has a big edge in experience over Cobb, who had only two amateur fights and his 20-2, with 18 knockouts. It shapes up as a match between a boxer-puncher, Holmes, and a mauler who presses the action, Cobb.

"He fights like a puncher, but he's not a puncher," said Holmes. "He's tough and durable and takes a lot of punches. He's a face fighter, and I've never had trouble with face fighters." "Larry works very, very well when he has established control," said Cobb. "But in the past I've shown I'm not the easiest guy to control."

Page, 20-1, with 16 knockouts, and ranked fourth by the WBC, is returning to the action for the first time since he broke his right thumb in losing a 10-round decision to Trevor Berbick on the Holmes-Cooney card. Tillis, 22-2, with 17 knockouts, is ranked No. 9 by the WBC. In his last fight, Aug. 14 at Cleveland, he was knocked out in the eighth round by Pinklon Thomas.

Meanwhile, new British heavyweight hope Frank Bruno moves into the Bugar country for the first time at the Royal Albert Hall on Dec. 7 when he meets a former Bugner victim, Gilberto Acuna of Puerto Rico.

In his tenth professional fight, the 21-year-old Bruno is still being restricted to eight rounds although none of his nine contests so far have gone beyond four.

Nakajima holds slender lead

IBUSUKI, Japan, Nov. 26 (AP) — Tsuneyuki Nakajima the current leading money winner on the Japan tour, opened up a one-stroke lead when he shot a course record of 66 in the \$245,280 Casio World Open Golf Tournament here Friday.

Enroute to the new course mark, Nakajima sank two eagles and three birdies against the one bogey on the tough 6,370-meter (7,007-yard) par 72 Ibusuki Country Club layout in Southern Japan. Nakajima had a two-round total of 137, seven-under-par.

Taiwan's Lu Hsi-Chuen shot his second 69 Friday to give him a 138 total to finish in second spot.

Seve Ballesteros of Spain, this year's Madrid and French Open champion who started the second round three strokes off the pace, was in third place with a 139 total after shooting a 69.

First round leader Chen Tze-Ming of Taiwan recorded a two-over-par 74 Friday to share eighth place with two Japanese pros, Kikuparai and Fujio Kobayashi, with two-under-par 142s.

Sixty-three pros with scores of 150 or bet-

ter qualified for the final two rounds on Saturday and Sunday.

Meanwhile, prize-money for the British Open Golf Championship will be increased to a record 310,000-pounds sterling at Royal Birkdale in Southport, Lancashire, next July.

The rise, announced by the Royal and Ancient in Edinburgh, is twenty percent, or 53,000-pounds, up on the amount on offer at Royal Troon five months ago.

It is the sixth successive year that prize money has been boosted, reflecting the growing financial status of the event, now worth more than any tournament on the United States circuit.

In 1972, there was only 50,000-pounds at stake, less than the amount of the present increase, and next year's prize money is double what it was three years ago.

The winner's cheque at Birkdale will be 40,000-pounds, the biggest offered in British and 8,000-pounds more than holder, Tom Watson, received at Troon this year. The minimum prize for those who play in all four rounds will be 725-pounds an increase of 125-pounds.

Marc Pajot sails away with crown

POINTE-A-PITRE, Guadeloupe, Nov. 26 (AFP) — France's Marc Pajot, who was almost forced to abandon four days ago when his 68-foot Catamaran appeared to be in danger of splitting in half, won the Route Du Rhum Single-handed Transatlantic Yachting race.

The 29-year-old Brittany Yachtsman, who with his brother Yves won the 1975 flying Dutchman World Championship after winning the silver medal at the 1972 Olympic Regatta in Kiel, took 18 days one hour and 58 minutes to sail across the Atlantic from St. Malo in north west France.

That was five days better than Dartmouth (England)-based Canadian Mike Birch took for the 4,100 miles crossing in the inaugural race in 1978.

In fact, the first three boats to reach here were all inside the 1978 time. Another Frenchman, Bruno Peyron, in the 58-foot Catamaran Jaz, took second place, crossing the finish line 11 hours after Pajot. Birch, staging an exciting finish in his 50-foot Catamaran Vial, was third, less than an hour behind Peyron.

Pajot, who finished second to Britain's Chay Blyth in last year's Observer-Europe Transatlantic race, was the clear favorite after Britain's Robin Knox-Johnstone, Rob James and Blyth and veteran Frenchman Eric Tabarly all abandoned.

He was averaging 14 knots in the trade winds until a horrifying crack opened up in the central beam which linked the two hulls of his Catamaran and forced him to ease up. Organizers allowed him to anchor in Port-De-France Bay in Martinique to carry out repairs and the Frenchman completed his triumph early Thursday afternoon.

"Without that cracked beam I could have finished a lot faster," Pajot said after snuggling ashore. "The repairs at Port-De-France didn't solve anything. I'd been worried about the beam for the last week."

PakInd White gains ground on Dunes

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 26 — Dunes and PakInd White continued their private battle at the top of the Jeddah Bridge League. And last week, though Dunes were not shaken from the pedestal, PakInd White had bridged the gap to just one Victory Point (VP).

PakInd White gained ground mainly due to their emphatic 17-3 victory over Gray Mackenzie. Dunes, on the other hand, managed a 15-5 decision over Saudia Blues Greens.

While the top two were concerned in their tussle for the leadership, other teams also had their exciting moments. The most interesting match was between Vikings and the Oldies. Vikings had taken a comfortable lead by the halftime, and looked poised to cruise through. But the Oldies had different ideas. They staged a fine rally to down Vikings 11-9 for their third victory.

KALIA, however, did not fare the same way as the Vikings. They had also forged ahead in the first half. But Marabell's gains in the second did not prove enough as KALIA ran out 12-8 victors. PakInd Green also tried to make up for their first half losses in the second session against Saudia Blues. But they had conceded too big an advantage and by the end of the session the score stood 14-6 in Saudia Blues favor.

Sangmed led all the way to achieve a 13-7 verdict against ADS. The victory propelled Sangmed to the center of the table, two places ahead of their previous week's position.

Standings

	P	W	L	VPs	Pts
Dunes	8	8	—	116	16
PakInd W	8	8	—	115	16
PakInd G	8	5	3	96	10
KALIA	8	5	3	77	10
Saudia B	8	4	4	95	8
Sangled	8	4	4	72	8
Saudia G	8	4	4	68	8
Oldies	8	3	5	75	6
Gray Mac	8	3	5	63	6
Vikings	8	2	6	68	4
Marabell	8	1	7	61	2
ADS	8	1	7	54	2

Score-board

England (1st innings):	
C. Tavaré c Hughes b Lawson	1
G. Fowler c Yardley b Lawson	7
D. Gower c Westlake b Lawson	18
A. Lamb c Marsh b Lawson	72
I. Botham c Rackemann b Yardley	40
D. Randall c Lawson b Rackemann	37
G. Miller c Marsh b Lawson	0
R. Taylor c Lawson b Rackemann	1
E. Hemmings batting	15
R. Willis c Thomson b Yardley	1
N. Cowans batting	10
Extras	17
Total (for 9 wks)	219
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-13, 3-63, 4-141, 5-152, 6-153, 7-178, 8-179, 9-195.	
Bowling: Lawson 18.2-4-47-5; Rackemann 21.4-61-2; Thomson 8-4-0-0; Yardley 17-5-51-2.	

Imran opts out of Quetta match against India

QUETTA, Pakistan, Nov. 26 (AP) — Three Pakistani Test players — Imran Khan, Javed Miandad and Abdul Qadir — will not play in the One-Day Cricket International competition at Quetta, central Pakistan, Saturday.

Zaher Abbas will lead the Baluchistan Governor's XI, replacing Imran Khan, who has "withdrawn from" the competition because of a mild back pain. Chief selector Waqar Hasan said that Miandad and Qadir would not play because a team doctor advised they were physically unfit for the game.

Meanwhile, the 16-member Indian team, led by Sunil Gavaskar, arrived in Pakistan. The tour will last 70 days. The Indians will return to their country on Feb. 5, 1983 after playing six Tests, four One-Day Internationals, and four provincial matches.

This is the biggest series ever played by Pakistan at home. In 1979, the Pakistani team played a six-Test series in India. Traditional arch rivals in almost all sports competitions, the cricket series between Pakistan and India usually generate tremendous enthusiasm in the two countries. The competi-

tion is considered among the most spectacular of all Test series played around the world.

The team picked by the Indian Cricket Board is a well-balanced, and is expected to give a tough fight to the home team. Judging from the two teams for the Test series, the Indian team will have an edge over their host in batting, because they seem to have a depth that goes right up to eighth wicket.

The Pakistan team also has a good batting line. Zaher Abbas might be shifted from the fifth to third batting position at his own request.

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Japan blazes golden trail in Asiad athletic competition

By John Crasto
Special to Arab News

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26 — Gold for glory is Japan's symbol. Thrice they hit the golden standard Friday. Certainly their day of achievement in Asian Games athletics.

Yoshifumi Fujimori stood proud on the podium. His chest heaved with emotion as the strains of the Japanese anthem were played. The stylish hurdler set a new Asian Games 110 meters mark. He was all grace and rhythm for a glorious triumph. His 14.09 beat the Chinese mark of Tsui Lin by 0.16 seconds.

Fujimori's performance was all glitter. Tadasu Kawang was all grit later. He was Japan's tireless 3000 meters steeplechaser. What a splendid race he ran. The Tsukuba University student strode from the field with loping strides on the penultimate lap.

He cleared the hurdles and the water-jump with fluid momentum. That stunning break from the field set the golden seal of success for the Japanese long-distance ace. His 8:47.36 underlined a 16-year reign for Japan in this event.

And as Kawang breezed to the winning post another Japanese landed gold in the javelin arena. Toshihiko Takeda buried the missile to 75.04 meters to clear South Korean Eun Nyung Yang's effort of 73.62 meters. The 'Seta' school teacher's effort was 4.20 meters behind the Games record. Nonetheless his success warmed Japanese hearts as every gold medal was bringing Japan closer to China's overall gold tally.

Charles Borromeo gave India an electrifying start. He ran the 800 of his life. The crowd loved him, they roared as he surged to the front hearing the final bend. And what a thrilling finish as Iraq's Fahel Jaralla challenged on the home stretch.

Borromeo had reserves of strength and stamina to hold out for a new Asian Games record triumph. His one minute, 46.81 seconds beat compatriot Siram Singh's mark of 1:47.6 set at the Tehran Asiad.

Athletics had lured him to Tata Steel. He was forged into champion material there. Resilience was written all over his lanky frame. His pace judgement was perfect. He knew how much he needed when he made the burst. He was so strong at the finish.

Triumphant yet humble. And grateful too. Borromeo ran into the pavilion after his lap of honor and touched the feet of celebrated Indian coach, A.S. Saini. He was too overjoyed for coherency as he said: "I am so happy today. Speak to my coach about everything you want. He knows all".

India had a setback on the heels of Borromeo's triumph. Geeta Zutshi, the golden girl of the Bangkok Games, committed a vital tactical error to surrender her 800 meters title to North Korea's Yong As Ghang. She

was slow out of the blocks, she trailed in fifth position all through the first lap. She made the supreme effort to hit the front nearing the 200-meter mark.

That break was fractionally earlier than necessary. When Yong made her burst around the final bend and Geeta Zutshi could not offer fight. She had shot her bolt. She had to give ground, the Korean recording a new Asian Games record time of 2 mins. 5.69 seconds.

Thailand had won the 4 x 100 meters relay for the last three Asias. They were up ahead after the second exchange zone when Zhuanghui Yu was out in a flash for China whose last runner, Guoguang Yuan, accelerated so fast that Thailand had to concede the title and the record of 40.15 standing in their name. The Chinese clocked 39.82 seconds, while the Thai's were seconds behind. Japan were third.

A lifting glory for Ma

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26 (R) — China scooped up two golds in the 90 kg Asian Games weight lifting event here Friday and set new Games records for jerk and overall performance.

Ma Wenguang of China began his jerk attempt with 190 kg shattering the previous record of 180 kg set by A. Valli of Iran at Tehran in 1974. His second jerk improved upon his performance by five kg. Ma also rewrote the record for the overall performance with snatch and jerk lifts of 337.5 kg.

Coach Huang Qianghui, who has trained a generation of lifters in his country, later said he was very satisfied with the performances so far. "But in the higher weight categories we have stiff competition," he said.

Pak Byung Gil of North Korea picked up the gold medal for snatch with a record lift of 155 kg, 15 kg higher than the Games record of 140 kg set four years ago by Ji Young of South Korea.

Iranians, who are making their presence felt in the higher weight categories, grabbed two silver and a bronze. But the Chinese with nine golds in their bag are still leading the table. Mehran Essalambouciar heaved 150 kg in the snatch to tie with his Iraqi rival Talal Hassan Abdul Kadir but slipped to third place because of his higher body weight.

But in the two-hand clean and jerk as well as the total he finished in second place with lifts of 185 kg and 335 kg respectively. The Iranians are expected to mount a stiff challenge in the heavy and super heavy weight categories.

North Korea, meanwhile, bagged both the individual and team gold medals in the 10 meters air pistol event here. Twenty-nine-year-old North Korean soldier So Gil Man



Medals tally			
China	6	8	21
Japan	41	34	20
North Korea	33	29	18
India	10	12	6
South Korea	7	16	16
Iran	3	1	6
Philippines	1	1	1
Indonesia	1	1	1
Lebanon	0	2	1
Thailand	0	1	0
Kuwait	0	1	0
Iraq	0	0	3

shot 576 points to beat his closest rival, Wang Yifu of China, who had 573 points. The bronze medal went to Kongchareon Prawat of Thailand with 568 points.

So Gil Man added another feather to his cap when he helped his team capture the gold with a total of 2288 points. His 576 was the highest score in his four-member team. North Korean shooters Chong Tae Song and Kim Gi Jong also had higher individual scores than the Chinese silver medalist, but according to international shooting regulations only one shooter from each country qualify for individual medals.

Japan's speed king Tsutomu Sakamoto beat his compatriot Katsuo Nakatake to clinch the gold for the 1,000-meter sprint in the cycling competition here. Sakamoto, who set a new Games record of 11.32 seconds for the event when pitted against China's Jun Liu Thursday, clocked 11.58 seconds against Nakatake. Nakatake took the silver with a time of 11.60 seconds.

South Korea's Young Soo Kim won the contest for the third spot when he beat Jun Liu with a timing of 11.85 seconds. The Korean rider was penalized for cycling on the blue line in the first of the three final heats.

North Korea's world class light flyweight Yong Hwan Ko gave the Games boxing tournament a pounding start here by stopping his Thai opponent in the third round of a preliminary bout. The referee ended the fight after one minute 43 seconds of the third round as Thailand's Nipoi Chalermmoo was pummeled with jabs and hooks to the head that led to two mandatory counts.

Yong Hwan Ko, winner of the silver medal in the 1982 World Championships, made his opponent look leaden-footed as he danced and jabbed his way to victory.



AND, NOW WHAT: American ace John McEnroe seems to be querying from United States Davis Cup non-playing captain, Arthur Ashe, what his tactics should be after learning that he has been drawn against French No. 1 Yannick Noah. And he had to draw on all his brilliance to give U.S. the lead by winning a thrilling five-setter.

Kooijmans scrapes into semis

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Nov. 26 — Renee Abastillas, the defending champion, Adrian Kooijmans — both from Jeddah — Richard Barrett, of Riyadh, and Mauricio Buhia, of Dhahran, clinched the semifinal berths of the Ardco-Burroughs-sponsored Kingdom-wide Invitational Tennis Tournament Friday.

After two days of grueling action, in which the first round league and the quarterfinals were completed, the number of players was whittled down to four from 12.

The five remaining first round matches were completed Thursday at the Intercontinental courts with Richard Barrett winning both his encounters with ease to emerge Group I winner. He first beat Dhahran's Patrick Hassan 6-1, 6-0 and then faced a stiff fight from Prince Muteb bin Abdullah bin Abdulaziz before prevailing at 6-4, 6-2.

Faiz Assad, who has participated in international tennis tournaments in France, Hungary and Italy, clinched the runner-up spot to Abastillas from Group II with a 6-0, 6-2 verdict over Muhammad Mabrook, who is ranked No. 5 in Egypt.

Kooijmans, who was the losing finalist of the inaugural tournament last year, powered his way to the top of Group IV with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Khalid Pityani, a representative of the Saudi Arabian national team in Arab & Asian Championships 1980-81. Miguel Relleve, of Riyadh finished second in the group.

In Group III, Dhahran's David Bosch claimed the second spot from the group behind Mauricio Buhia with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Michael Daniels of Khamis Mushayt.

In the quarterfinals, which was played Friday, Richard Barrett was the first to make the

Kingdom tipped to put it across India

By our Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26 — Saudi Arabia face the acid test Saturday. They play India in the Asian Games soccer quarterfinals in what should be a most difficult match. If they can produce the lightning thrust then they will win. If it is to be the spectacular approach — overdone mobility without that sudden burst for goal — then matters may not go well for them.

Coach Zagallo said, "Fifty-fifty chances either way". He was chary of making any positive statement. That is expected of any coach. None would play up his team at his crucial juncture. But Zagallo also said, "I have had the Saudi Arabia team for six months. I am satisfied with their progress."

"It could be a touch and go affair though India may have the advantage of playing before a home crowd," He added.

When you see the skill of the Kingdom boys you will know that they play good soccer. Their performance against North Korea was the best here. Zagallo did say after the match against Thailand, "First match, you

In soccer quarterfinals

know. They will certainly play better". That they did. But one factor which weighs heavily against Saudi Arabia is that goal-getting has not been easy.

They should have been four goals up against North Korea in that fantastic opening spell when they were in full cry. They missed by the proverbial whisker. But what happened then makes one wary of venturing a guess about the outcome of the Saudi Arabia-India match.

Speed will be the vital factor. India can work up a terrific pace when they really get going. How the Saudi Arabian defenders can counter will make all the difference. The South American style of soccer calls for superiority of numbers. "All must go up when you attack", said Zagallo.

That is the right tactical approach. But when your defenders are on the heavier side and can't recover fast enough then what do you do. That will be the problem for Saudi Arabia.

India shaped miserably in their first two outings. They were lucky to win. Only against China did they show up well. Bidesh Bose has

had a lean time here. He is quite a striker when he gets going. C.B. Thapa and Compton Dutta have recovered from being unwell.

They will add strength to the Indian team. And there is going to be full-house at the Jawaharlal Stadium Saturday. The crowd will certainly put the Indian players on their mettle with a world of encouragement.

From performances witnessed here the edge could be with Saudi Arabia. Their passing movements are better. They have the striking potential too. But Sameer Abdulshakur and company in defense should play it cool. Body play should not surface, cool heads in defense goes a long way.

The other quarterfinal match of the day will be between North Korea and China. The Korean side has been delightful to watch. Their power of recovery is enormous. That they displayed against Saudi Arabia in the group match to emerge as leaders.

The Chinese are by no means an easy opponent. But they will have to watch out for the speedy winger Han Hyong Il and the Korean skipper Hwang Sang Hoe. Both have proved a cohesive striking force. China will be hard-pressed to check them

Asian Games at a glance

110 m hurdles: 1. Yoshifumi Fuji Mori (Japan), 2. Shensheng Zhang (China), 3. Praveen Jolly (India). Time: 14.09 (Asian record).

800 m: 1. Charles Borromeo (India), 2. Bog Ju Kim (S. Korea), 3. Fahel N. Jaralla (Iraq). Time: 1:46.81 (Asian record). 3,000 m steeplechase: 1. Tadasu Kawano (Japan), 2. Gopal Saini (India), 3. Hector Boges (Philippines). Time: 8:47.36. Javelin: 1. Toshihiko Takeda (Japan), 2. Eun Nyung Yang (S. Korea), 3. Gurtej Singh (India). Distance: 75.04 meters.

4 x 100 m relay: 1. China, 2. Thailand, 3. Japan. Time: 39.82 (Asian record).

800 m: 1. Chang Yong-As (N. Korea), 2. Geeta Zutshi (India), 3. Guo Guimei (China). Time: 2:05.69 (Asian record).

Heptathlon (after four events): 1. Peisu Ye (China), 2. Liyanying Ye (China), 3. Tomoko Uchida (Japan). Points: 3,543.

Shooting

Air pistol (men): 1. North Korea, 2. China, 3. Japan. Points: 2288.

10 m air pistol (individual): 1. Phil Man Go (N. Korea), 2. Wangs Wiso (China), 3. Kong Charden Prawat (Thailand). Points: 576.

Weightlifting

90 kg: 1. Ma Wenguang (China), 2. Mehran Essalambouciar (Iran), 3. Kim Chul Hyun (S. Korea). Total: 337.5 (Asian record).

Cycling

30 km punt race: 1. Akim Bando (Japan), 2. Masaoichi Takahashi (Japan), 3. Edgardo Paganan (Philippines). Points: 49.

1,000 m sprint: 1. Tsutomu Sakamoto (Japan), 2. Katsuo Nakatake (Japan), 3. Young Soo Kim (S. Korea). Time: 11.58.

In Davis Cup final McEnroe gives U.S. 1-0 lead

GRENOBLE, Nov. 26 (Agencies) — World No. 1 John McEnroe gave the United States a 1-0 lead over France in the Davis Cup final when he beat French No. 1 Yannick Noah 12-10, 1-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

The brilliant New Yorker had to draw on all his resources to outwit the resilient Noah in a thriller. At one stage the Frenchman looked poised to bring off an upset when he held a two sets to one lead.

McEnroe looked tired and leaden-footed, and slipped a number of times on the loose clay — a surface he does not really relish — as he went for the long raking shots which Noah used to pin him to the baseline.

On one of his rare rushes to the net, McEnroe tipped an easy shot into the net and eluded his head in disgust as the highly partisan crowd were screaming Noah's name and acclaiming his every shot.

But the players had the crowd roaring and on their feet in the keenly-contested first set. There were reprieves of long rallies and neither players gave an inch. But McEnroe secured the vital break in the 21st game and pocketed the set.

The Cameroon-born Noah who had said: "I'm not paralysed by McEnroe's reputation. I'm not afraid of the Americans. I believe we can beat them here on this court and with a crowd supporting us," nearly made his words come true when he sprang back into the game by racing off with the second set at 6-1.

And when he claimed the third against a tired-looking McEnroe the Frenchman looked well on the way to a stunning rally. But it was not to be.

The American was at his brilliant best in the fourth set playing his precision serve.

Cawley takes Kiyomura in stride

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 26 (AP) — Evonne Cawley beat Ann Kiyomura 7-5, 6-3 in a quarterfinal of the 125,000-Australian dollar NSW Building Society Tennis Open Friday. The victory put Cawley in her first tournament semifinal since her Wimbledon triumph.

She moves into the last four to meet the tournament No. 2 seed and the world's No. 3 ranked player, Andrea Jaeger. In the other semifinal, top seed Martina Navratilova will meet the promising American Zina Garrison playing her first Open tournament semifinal.

Trailing 0-4 in the first set, the dual Wimbledon champion came back to win five straight games against the experienced, underrated 27-year-old American. Cawley admits that she faces a huge barrier in 17-year-old Jaeger, who had an awesome 6-1, 6-0 victory over Leslie Allen.

The only occasion Jaeger and Cawley met in a tournament was in the semifinals of the U.S. Clay Court Championships in 1980, when Jaeger won 6-4, 6-4.

"We've played exhibition since then and she has beaten me in those too," Cawley said. "I don't know whether the grass surface will even things up — she's tough on any surface,

and-volley game to near-perfection. He had Noah running around the courts with some crisp crosscourts and put away winners with nonchalant ease. And then he quickly wrapped up the decider to the Americans on top.

Gene Mayer takes on fast-improving Henri Leconte in the second singles. Leconte is a 19-year-old product of the French system who has shot up in the rating this year, and Mayer said Thursday: "Leconte doesn't play percentage tennis. He can be beautiful or disastrous."

Meanwhile, top-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina beat Brian Gottfried of the United States 6-3, 7-5, Friday to move into the semifinals of the \$315,000 South African Tennis Open.

Vilas broke Gottfried's service in the eighth game of the first set to breeze past the American. In the second set, Gottfried had three set points at 5-4 before Vilas held his serve. The American missed several volleys, including an easy shoulder-high shot at the net in the tiebreaker.

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Pakistan strikes 2 golds

BOMBAY, Nov. 26 (Agencies) — Pakistan won two gold medals and Japan one on the penultimate day of the yachting competition of the Asian Games here. The Pakistani victories were in the enterprise and the ok dinghy categories. Japan took the windglider.

India won a gold in the fireball category Thursday. The second and third positions in each of the four categories will be known Saturday.

With their fourth win in the enterprise class, Byram and Gospi Avani of Pakistan surged ahead of Japan and India to grab the gold. The Avanis had to win this penultimate day race to make sure of their victory in a closely-fought event.

In the ok dinghy category, Khalid Akhtar of Pakistan, with only three penalty points to his credit, was way ahead of his Japanese and Thai rivals to assure his country a second gold.

Japan's Tsunemoto Ishiwata made sure of a gold in the windglider class, being way ahead of his closest rival P. Ortega of the Philippines.

Meanwhile, in New Delhi, Japan beat Kuwait 25-20 to notch its third straight victory in the Handball competition. The Japanese, leaders of Group A, will meet the winner of Saturday's match in Group B between South Korea and China in the semifinals.

The Japan-Kuwait encounter was a tough affair with neither side willing to ease the pressure. Japan's Gamoh Seimei showed superb throwing skill and was top scorer with nine points. The Japanese enthralled the spectators with beautiful passes to lead 13-9 at halftime.

The Kuwaitis missed a number of goal scoring chances in the second half with some wild throws. In another match, Saudi Arabia

In World Soccer poll Rossi adjudged best player

LONDON, Nov. 26 (Agencies) — Italian World Cup star Paolo Rossi has been voted World footballer of the year in a poll organized by British magazine *World Soccer*.

Juventus striker Rossi was the top scorer in Italy's triumphant World Cup campaign. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge of Bayern Munich and West Germany was voted into second spot, ahead of Paolo Roberto Falcão, the Brazilian who plays in Italy for Roma.

Enzo Bearzot of Italy was voted manager of the year, ahead of Tele Santana of Brazil and Michel Hidalgo of France.

Meanwhile, Justin Fashanu turned up for training at Nottingham Forest Thursday and found himself on his own.

The one million pound striker, who Wednesday won his appeal to the Football League against a suspension imposed by manager Brian Clough, reported back for action only to discover that everyone else had been given the day off.

Clough excused the first team squad and the reserves from training following the visit to Wembley for Thursday's night's five-a-side competition. Fashanu went ahead with his fitness program, joined only by two junior players.

Clough was also absent from the ground, denying Fashanu's hopes of holding the clear-the-air meeting requested by the league's commission, but the Forest manager is reported to have said Fashanu has no place at Forest and rates him a "fifth-choice striker."

Later in the day, Fashanu turned down a chance of joining Manchester City on loan, and lining up against Nottingham Forest on Saturday. City manager John Bond, who

BRIEFS

HOUSTON, Texas (AP) — Kansas City forward Eddie Johnson scored 10 of his game-high 19 points in the third quarter to lead the Kings to a club-record fourth straight road victory, an 88-79 decision over the Houston Rockets Thursday.

NEW YORK, (AP) — Walt Paement's 20-foot shot with less than two minutes left gave Quebec a 3-2 victory over the Calgary Flames Thursday night for the Nordiques' first National Hockey League triumph in Calgary. And Mike Bossy scored on a 70-foot shot with less than four minutes remaining as New York Islanders tied Boston Bruins 1-1.

LAAX, Switzerland, (AFP) — The opening event of the Alpine Skiing World Cup season, the men's downhill here on Dec. 5, is threatened with cancellation because of a lack of snow, it was announced here Friday. A final decision will be taken on Monday.

BORMIO, Italy, (AFP) — Italy's Maria Rosa Quario won the World Series women's special slalom here Friday ahead of Alpine Skiing World Cup holder Erika Hess of Switzerland and Daniela Zini of Italy.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, (AFP) — President of the International Olympic Commit-

tee, Juan Antonio Samaranch has warned president of the French National Olympic Committee, Nelson Pillaou, of the risk to French sport posed by the planned French Rugby Union tour of South Africa.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, (AFP) — Les Boyd, the Australian forward sent off in last Saturday's second Test against Britain at Wigan, lodged an immediate appeal after being suspended by the Rugby League Disciplinary Committee here.

LONDON, (AFP) — Steve Davis is set to become Britain's ambassador of snooker. The 25-year-old Londoner, a former world champion, will virtually abandon the lucrative exhibition circuit to take snooker into previously unmapped territories.

SASKATOON, Canada, (AFP) — The Canadian women's volleyball team beat the Japanese World Student Games team 15-3, 16-14, 10-15, 14-16, 15-4 here to take a 2-1 lead in the squad's tour of Western Canada. The series continues with stops in Edmonton (Alberta), Calgary (Alberta) and Vancouver (British Columbia).

LONDON, (AFP) — The Tour of Britain Cycle race, better known as the "milk race," will be open to professionals for the first time next year.

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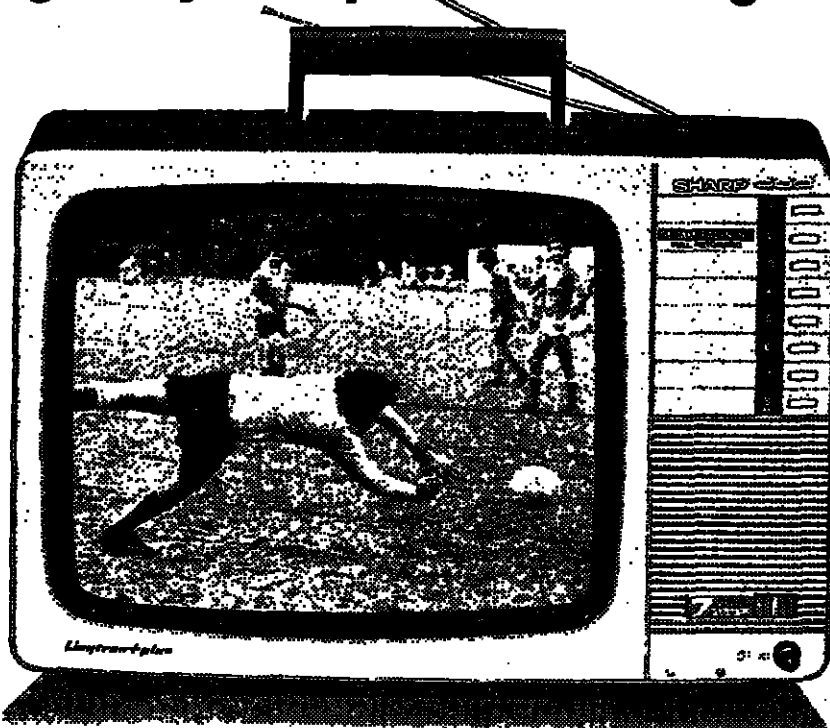
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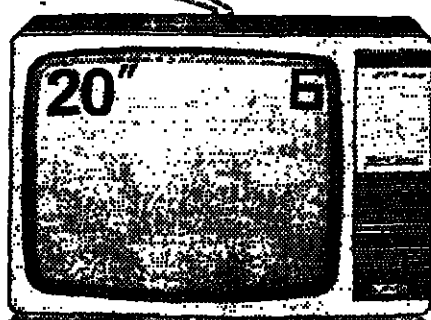
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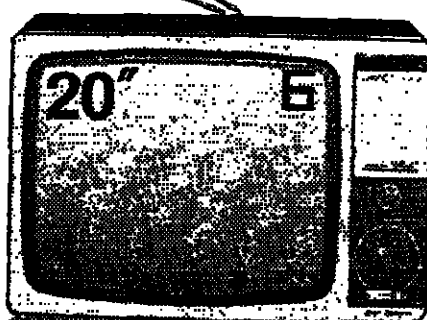
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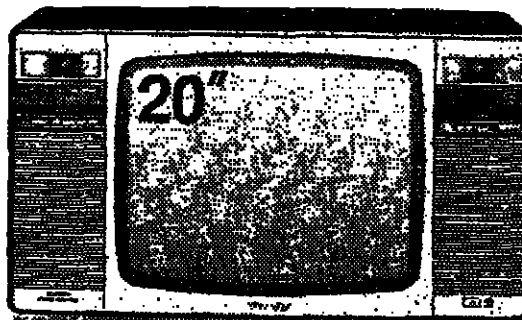
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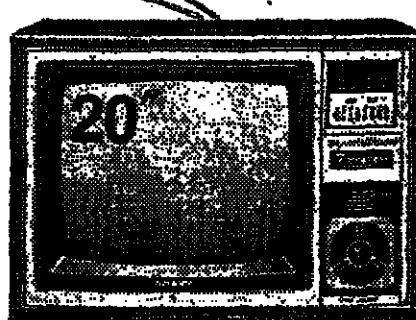
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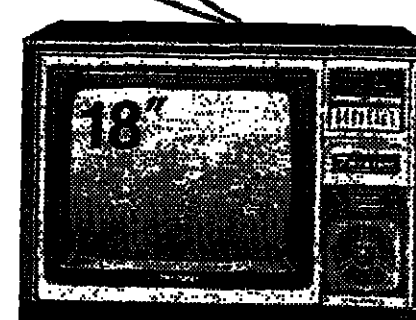
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Reagan move to tax jobless raises storm

SANTA BARBARA, Nov. 26 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan is drawing political fire for a plan under study to tax unemployment insurance benefits of jobless workers.

White House Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes confirmed Thursday that the proposal was among nine options developed for Reagan by his cabinet council on economic affairs to attack chronic unemployment.

Although Speakes said Reagan had not discussed the ideas with his economic advisers and would take no action on them until next year, the proposals came under immediate attack.

In Washington, Representative Henry S. Reuss, Democrat-Wisconsin, chairman of the joint economic committee, declared: "I don't think Reagan has thought that one through," or he would have rejected the proposals out of hand. "People on unemployment aren't loafers. They're usually people who are down on their luck, through no fault of their own," said Reuss.

Earlier Thursday, his panel predicted unemployment in November might rise to 10.5 percent. Rex Hardesty, a spokesman for the 15 million-member AFL-CIO confederation of U.S. labor unions, said, "we hope President Reagan would not support anything so callous as to tax people who did not cause unemployment and are not to blame

for their plight."

Hardesty also said the labor federation would resist any decreasing the minimum wage set by the government for youths in summer jobs. "It makes no sense to discriminate against one class of people, whether you do it because of their race, their religion or their age," he said.

The unemployment package is separate from a series of steps Reagan will propose to Congress next week to stimulate the economy. Those proposals likely will include accelerating July's 10 percent income tax cut so it would take effect in January.

Currently, unemployment insurance benefits are exempt from taxation unless the recipient's family income is \$18,000 or more. The threshold for a single person is \$12,000.

An estimated \$1.9 billion would be raised in tax revenue if all jobless benefits were treated as ordinary income. Speakes said studies have shown jobless benefits discourage people from seeking new work. The money derived from fully taxing those benefits could be earmarked for job training programs, he said.

A tax on unemployment benefits would "make it less attractive" to remain jobless and would "give them the option of getting job training," said Speakes.

Also under study is an idea to offer tax incentives to companies who hire the unemployed and offer on-the-job training for work the new employees are not already qualified to do.

Swiss to vote on price control

ZURICH, Nov. 26 (R) — The Swiss, for years used to low inflation and one of the world's highest standards of living, vote this weekend on a controversial proposal to put prices under government control.

Sunday's referendum, in which voters will be asked to empower the government to monitor big companies' prices follows weeks of intense lobbying by consumer groups on one side and business interests on the other. It is being seen as a test of public opinion on the economy now that inflation has climbed to an abnormally high six percent.

Consumers and left-wing political parties called the referendum by gathering over 130,000 signatures in favor of government control over prices.

They argue that big firms and monopolies have the power to fix prices at the expense of the consumer, and say this is one of the reasons for galloping price rises. Industrialists say their prices are fixed by supply and demand, and oppose all attempts at official intervention in the marketplace.

Paris accused of grain protectionism

ROTTERDAM, Nov. 26 (AFP) — France is guilty of "barely disguised" grain protectionism at the expense of Dutch poultry farmers and Asian manioc farmers, a leading Dutch grain dealer has charged.

Klaas Vervele, president of the committee of grain dealers, told a press conference that the European Economic Community had "duped" Thailand into agreeing to cut its tapioca exports to the community. He said that the hard line taken by the EEC was dictated mainly by the demands of French producers of grain fodder.

Tapioca, an extract of manioc roots, is used primarily as an animal feed, and is cheaper than grain fodder produced in Europe. The EEC is the biggest customer for Thailand's annual output of nearly 15 million tons of tapioca.

But in September this year the EEC, mainly at the behest of France's grain fodder producers, insisted that Thailand cut its exports to the community to five million tons this year. In exchange, the EEC agreed to impose import tax of no more than six percent on Thai tapioca pellets.

But the problem, as outlined by Vervele, is that the pellets disintegrate into flour during handling by sophisticated port unloading equipment here. Customs officials use this as a pretext for levying the import tariff on manioc, which is 12.5 times greater than that applied to the pellets.

As a result, Dutch farmers are discouraged from using the suddenly-more-expensive

The government had special powers to monitor prices during the 1970's. This proved very popular and voters agreed to extend the powers twice before they finally expired in 1978.

As well as the consumers' plan, voters will be considering a government counter-proposal which would give it powers to introduce price controls only in times of high inflation and only if other stabilizing measures have failed.

The cabinet opposes permanent price-monitoring in the grounds that it would lead to an unhealthy growth in bureaucracy. Swiss political analysts will be watching Sunday's referendum closely, not just for its result but also for the turnout figures.

The turnout in national and local polls in the centerpiece of Switzerland's so-called direct democracy, has dwindled in recent years, with votes regularly falling below one-third of the electorate. Politicians and academics have expressed concern that this reflects a dangerous growth of public apathy.

Rumors send oil shares nosediving

LONDON, Nov. 26 (AP) — Oil shares led prices down Thursday on the London stock exchange on rumors that underwriters were unloading Britoil shares they were stuck with last week when investors showed little interest in the state-owned North Sea Oil Corporation.

Aga Khan to invest more in Tanzania

DARESSALAAM, Nov. 26 (AP) — The Aga Khan, leader of the world's 15 million Shia Muslim, pledged to increase investment in Tanzania, thus apparently ending a period of cool relations with this socialist government.

In an luncheon address to local business and civic leaders at the conclusion of his 6-day visit, the Aga Khan stated that the Islamic institutions "can help Tanzania by making available increased resources" and by showing "a willingness to respond quickly, pragmatically and effectively" to the country's current economic crisis.

Over the last 15 years there have been numerous conflicts between the small but economically powerful Islamic community and the Tanzanian government. Muslims, who are of Asian origin and are mainly involved in commerce and industry, have been adversely affected since 1967 when Tanzania embarked on its socialist path of development.

In 1970 the Islamic-financed corporation, Industrial Promotions Services (IPS), pulled out of an ambitious scheme to build a series of game park lodges. IPS sources say they were told by the government that the lodges would be nationalized after only three years.

manioc. That tapioca farmers suffer at the expense of French grain fodder producers.

Vervele, speaking on behalf of Dutch grain merchants, accused the EEC of "duping" Thailand in the full knowledge that the concession six percent tariff on tapioca pellets would not be applicable.

He appealed to the EEC to relax its tariff barriers long enough to give the Thais a chance to adapt to the tough Common Market standards. Manioc accounts for 80 percent of Thailand's income.

NATO staff goes on strike over pay

BRUSSELS, Nov. 26 (AFP) — The 5,000 civilian staff of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Belgium and other countries were Friday went on another strike in protest at proposals to cut their pay five percent.

The recommendation was made by a budget committee that also watches over pay in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Western European Union (WEU), and the council of Europe.

Staffs in NATO and these other bodies want their pay to align with that in the European Economic Community (EEC), which is about 15 percent higher than the amount received by NATO personnel.

There were also rumors that trading had ceased during Thursday in long-dated British government securities but a dealer denied this, explaining that heavy selling because of the pound's weakness on foreign exchanges had led to a backlog of orders. Short dated issues fell around 60 pence, while long dated dropped nearly 2 pounds. Gold shares closed around 25 cents higher.

Britoil's fall dragged other oils down after Tuesday's prediction by an OPEC aide that the benchmark price could go lower. Ultramar fell 23 pence, British Petroleum and Shell transport 10 but Burnah added a penny.

Among major industrials, bat industries lost 12 pence, Hawker Siddeley and Racal Electronics 10, Imperial Chemicals 6, Unilever 5, Plessey 4, Courtaulds 3 and Britain's General Electric, Guest Keen Netfield, Rank Organization and Vickers 2.

Lucas was one of the few bucking the trend to gain 3 pence. Stock of the new British-owned F. W. Woolworth chain of retail stores, now called Woolworth Holdings after its American parent sold its 51-percent stake, went on sale at 150 pence and promptly jumped to close at 167.

Vatican views links with Calvi's bank

VATICAN CITY, Nov. 26 (R) — The Vatican officially acknowledged for the first time that members of its sacred college of cardinals have examined the links between the Vatican Bank and Italy's largest private bank which collapsed amid scandal.

A statement issued on the third day of a meeting of the college made it clear that the cardinals were engaged in a thorough analysis of the ties between the Istituto per le Opere di Religione (IOR), which handles much of the Vatican's finance, and the Milan-based Banco Ambrosiano.

It said the college heard a report Thursday on the conclusions of a special committee of 15 Cardinals which met last week and on Monday to examine the Vatican's finances.

The report centered on "the links between IOR and the Banco Ambrosiano group", the statement said.

Vatican sources said Thursday's allusion to links between the banks amounted to an acknowledgment of the gravity of the issue and the importance attached to it by Pope John Paul.

Spain spells stand on joining EEC

BRUSSELS, Nov. 26 (R) — A Spanish Socialist leader has said his country is not prepared to wait for more than three years to join the European Economic Community.

Alfonso Guerra, deputy leader of the Socialist Party which will form Spain's new government next week, said in an interview with Belgian radio in Madrid that Spain could wait for three years. "But after that, entry will be of no interest either for Spain or for the community," he said.

Guerra also said that the Socialists would go ahead with a referendum on membership of NATO, which Spain joined last May.

Target dates for Spain's and Portugal's entry into the 10-nation Common Market, originally envisaged for 1983, have slipped back. Hopes of membership by early 1984 now appear optimistic, according to community diplomats.

Major problems remain to be solved in the membership negotiations and a full year will be needed after their completion for the ratification process by national parliaments.

Taipei all set to plunge into the computer age

TAIPEI, Nov. 26 (R) — A glut of apples and oranges has appeared recently in the grubby backstreets of Taipei — not fruit but computers, some legal and some counterfeit.

Taiwan is switching on to the world computer craze to cash in on rising demand for the "Apple," manufactured by the Apple Company of the United States, and the "Orange," its illegal counterpart copied from the original in backstreet factories.

The Taiwanese are noted for their ability to copy Western products, much to the chagrin of famous-name producers of books, tapes and records whose markets are undercut. But the move into the computer age for Taiwan is deadly serious because economists say it could hold the key to the country's economic survival.

In the next five years Taiwan is embarking on a total redesign of its economic base, at present founded on heavy industry like shipbuilding and steelmaking, to move into high technology and it needs all the brain-power it can muster. This means the Taiwanese government is trying hard to attract overseas technology and money, notably from the United States and Japan. Between 1953 and 1980, Taiwan's

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economic growth was among the most spectacular in the world, averaging about nine percent a year. The total value of goods and services produced per head leapt in the period from \$309 a year to \$2,270. But the growth was founded on imported oil and international trade. Successive oil price rises and the current world recession have taken their toll.

Yu Kuo-Hwa, governor of the central bank, told a gathering of U.S. and Taiwanese businessmen this month that the growth rate dropped to five percent last year and added: "For the first nine months of this year the performance of the economy has continued sluggish, with a growth rate below four percent."

Taiwan has also felt the sting of world protectionism in the textile trade, still its major export industry although likely to be displaced by electronics soon.

Taiwan thus sees a need to move away from old industries. Su Han-Ming, chief research economist at the International Commercial Bank of China, one of the largest domestic banks, said: "The next five years are crucial."

He said that in the past 10 to 20 years Taiwan had concentrated too much on

labor-intensive industries and other South-east Asian countries were now catching up. "Manufacturers here have neglected research and development in the past and it is going to be difficult to start now because of the large cost," Su said.

"Most businessmen go for easy money-making, using low capital and cheap labor in labor-intensive factories, so the government is going to have to push them into investing more."

Unless the move to technology-based industry succeeded, Taiwan would emerge weakened when the world recession ended and would be able to make only a gentle recovery, he added.

The new policy raises the prospect of Taiwan becoming a Trojan horse economy, providing a home for U.S. and Japanese companies to establish manufacturing centers for exports. Japanese businessmen could find it profitable to avoid export restraints by producing goods in Taiwan.

Alongside them, U.S. manufacturers availing themselves of the skilled Taiwanese workforce and low wages could give the Japanese more competition in product like computers.

More currencies seen depreciating

LONDON, Nov. 26 (AFP) — The Malaysian ringgit, the Indonesian rupiah and the Indian rupee are all heading for depreciations, the London currency broker Maxwell Stamp has predicted.

In its latest international currency service, the broker added that it expected the Taiwan dollar to rise a little against the U.S. dollar, but to weaken a little against other currencies.

Maxwell Stamp also predicted an 8 to 10 percent devaluation of the Irish pound within the European Monetary System.

It said that the devaluation would come either within a few weeks of the new government taking office, or as a result of the pound following the French franc into a general currency realignment in March April 1983.

The broker noted that the ringgit had been strong over the past five months because of Malaysia's apparent intention to cut development spending in a bid to curtail the budget deficit.

But it added that the actual and prospective weakness of Malaysia's current balance of payments would in due course depress an

apparently increasingly over-valued ringgit. Maxwell Stamp estimates that, by November 1983, the ringgit will trade at 2.60 to the U.S. dollar, at 4.42 to sterling and at 88.5 to the yen.

It said that Taiwan's balance of payments should retain its "healthy surplus" next year, and that inflation should remain "comfortably" in single figures despite a rise caused by Taiwan's expansionary monetary policy.

The Taiwanese dollar is expected to recover the ground lost in recent months against the U.S. dollar but to weaken a little against sterling and, more particularly, against the yen.

The broker expects the depreciation of the Indonesian rupiah against the U.S. dollar to accelerate "somewhat" in the months ahead, leading to rates of around 720 to the U.S. dollar and 1,190 to the pound sterling by March.

It sees a "fair chance of a 10-15 percent devaluation later in 1983 — most probably in the context of an appeal to the International Monetary Fund for funds.

Concorde's fate hangs in balance

LONDON, Nov. 26 (R) — British Airways will announce next month whether it can take over financial backing for the supersonic Concorde, a government official has said.

Lord Trefgarne, industry spokesman in the upper House of Lords, said the airline's surplus from operating Concorde up to the end of 1983 would be more than enough to cover the cost support now borne by the government.

According to airline officials, the British government wants to cut off the last 18 million sterling (\$28.8 million) of annual funds for Concorde by next March.

Lord Trefgarne said the airline was considering whether it would be prepared to take over this funding but there was no prospect of discontinuing Concorde operations.

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Setback for Thatcher plan

U.K. interest rates rise sharply

LONDON, Nov. 26 (R) — British interest rates moved sharply higher Friday in a bid to keep the pound sterling from tumbling further, marking a setback for government hopes of cheaper credit to lift the economy.

Barclay's, Britain's biggest bank, announced a one percentage point rise to 10 percent in the base lending rate on which other interest rates are set, ending a yearlong decline from 14.5 percent in January.

The move was encouraged by the Bank of England as concern about the pound's depreciation by more than 7.5 percent so far this month outweighed the government's earlier concern to get interest rates down to put some life into the listless economy.

Interest rates on sterling investments rose by a similar amount in the money markets. Dealers said the currency, which fell to a six-year low near \$1.57 and to a 3½-year low of \$1.9790 West German marks on European markets Friday morning, rallied sharply on the news that Barclay's was raising rates. By midday the pound had climbed above \$1.60 and over 4.04 marks.

The run on the pound began earlier this month after analysts concluded that it was overvalued. The decline picked up speed after speculation mounted that world oil prices are likely to decline, putting a dent in Britain's North Sea oil revenues that make its balance of payments look better.

The pound was widely believed to be in danger of falling to a new postwar low against the dollar — it dropped briefly below \$1.56 in 1976 — and slipped badly against the other major world currencies, the mark, Japanese yen and Swiss franc.

At first, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's advisers spoke approvingly of the decline as a boost for British exporters who stood to benefit as British goods became cheaper to buy with stronger currencies.

But dealers said that officials became alarmed at the speed of the slide and the lack of market support for a point at which sterling

could steady. They said there was also growing concern that the weakened pound would revive inflation, which had fallen below seven percent, by pushing up the cost of imported raw materials and products.

The opposition Labor Party this week proposed a 30 percent devaluation of sterling over a 24-month period as part of a five-year economic strategy to create jobs for the country's 3.2 million unemployed.

But Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mrs. Thatcher's chief economic spokesman, stated his opposition to devaluation.

EEC resumes textile parleys

BRUSSELS, Nov. 26 (AFP) — Negotiations on the renewal of textile agreements between the European Economic Community and the major Asian exporters Hong Kong and South Korea were formally resumed here Friday, community sources said.

The announcement coincided with conclusion of an agreement with Indonesia — the last member of the Association of South East Asia Nations (ASEAN) still negotiating with the commission of the European Economic Community (EEC).

All ASEAN members have now concluded bilateral agreement with the EEC for the next four years.

The resumption of talks with Hong Kong occurred in an atmosphere of moderate optimism, according to a member of the colony's delegation. Hong Kong has formally received the commission's latest proposals which had already been the subject of informal discussion in recent days.

Hong Kong sources said that the problem of reduced export quotas remained complete,

although there was a little light at the end of the tunnel. Commission sources said that the latest talks amounted to what was termed the moment of truth and a last ditch meeting.

Some reports said that Macao, another major exporter, might prefer to wait a new more days to see how the talks with Hong Kong developed, before resuming formal negotiations.

South Korea, in common with Macao, has reportedly accepted the principle of a five percent cutback in quotas for exports to the EEC.

On the basis of agreements with these three suppliers, the EEC will unilaterally apply import restrictions which will also include the fourth major exporter in the region, Taiwan which the community does not recognize.

The agreement with Indonesia, initiated Thursday night, follows accords with the Philippines on Nov. 21, Malaysia on Nov. 22, Singapore on Nov. 23, Thailand on July 7. For ASEAN members, the community has obtained restrictions on export quantities.

BRIEFS

BANGKOK, (AP) — Cyprus's Commerce and Industry Minister George Andreou will visit Thailand Dec. 7-9 for discussions with Thai officials on trade between the two countries, a spokesman for the foreign ministry said Friday. Andreou will head a 12-member delegation in talks with Thailand's Industry Minister Chatichai Choonhavan and Commerce Minister Punnamee Punsri, the spokesman said.

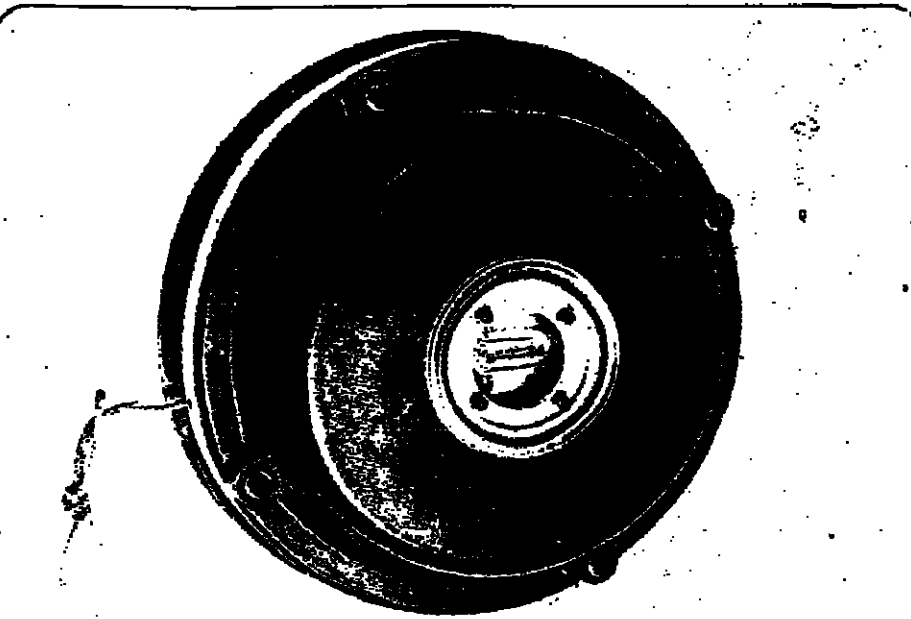
CARACAS, (R) — Venezuelan oil export sales should rise 6 percent next year to \$16.3 billion, compared with the forecast for this year of \$15.2 billion, Petroleos de Venezuela said. In estimates to congress, PDVSA predicted production at 2.02 million barrels daily against 1.83 million for 1982, and exports rising to 1.6 million bpd from the 1.52 million expected this year.

TAIPEI, (R) — Taiwan's Chinese Petroleum Corp. (CPC) has imported one mil-

lion barrels of crude oil from Egypt through Amoco of the U.S. at \$32 a barrel, a CPC spokesman reported. The spokesman told Reuters this is the first time CPC has bought oil from Egypt. The oil was delivered to a refinery in Kaohsiung in southern Taiwan earlier this week.

NEW DELHI, (R) — The Reserve Bank of India announced an upward revision of the rupee against sterling to 6.4475/6.4144 sterling per 100 rupees from 6.4061/6.3735 previously, effective immediately.

HAVANA, (R) — The 1982-83 sugar harvest — Cuba's staple export earner — is under way and all 1981-82 export commitments have been fulfilled, the official daily newspaper *Granma* has said. More than 20 of Cuba's 152 sugar mills have begun grinding for the harvest due to end next April 30, according to *Granma*, mouthpiece of the Cuban Communist Party.



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Gold remains firm

Pound soars against dollar

LONDON, Nov. 26 (AFP) — Sterling jumped against the dollar from 1.569 to 1.60125 here Friday.

In nervous and very active trading, dealers said that the Bank of England had made a "corrective intervention" to halt the recent slide of sterling which Thursday reached its lowest level for six years.

French prices rise 0.5 percent

PARIS, Nov. 26 (R) — French retail prices rose 0.5 percent in October after a 0.4 percent rise in September, giving a year-on-year rise of 9.3 percent in October compared with 10.1 percent in September, the National Statistics Institute said.

The retail price index, base 1970, stood at 324.2 in October after 322.5 in September and 296.5 in October last year, the institute said.

Food prices rose 0.5 percent in October, after a 0.5 percent rise in September.

The U.S. dollar rallied against other currencies, while gold bullion prices firmed.

Friday's dollar rates compared with Thursday included: 2.5280 West German marks, up from 2.5190, 2.1702 Swiss francs, up from 2.1595, 7.1465 French francs, up from 7.1195, 2.78075 Dutch guilders, up from 2.76625, 1.45825 Italian lira, up from 1.45450, 1.23575 Canadian dollars, up from 1.23225.

In Tokyo, where trading ends just as it begins in Europe, the dollar declined to 250.15 Japanese yen, compared with 251 Thursday.

Gold, bullion prices, meanwhile, were steady at slightly higher levels in quiet trading.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	421.50
Paris	414.39
Frankfurt	414.03
Zurich	417.50
Hong Kong	412.89

Malaysia, Romania sign agreements

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov. 26 (AFP) — Malaysia and Romania on Friday signed three agreements to step up trade, investment and economic cooperation, after talks between Prime Minister Mahathir Muhammad and Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu.

A Malaysian spokesman said they would pave the way for more balanced trade between the two countries. A ministerial level joint commission, already set up, would explore how the objective would be achieved.

One measure under consideration was the introduction of barter trade or counter trade with special paying arrangements to overcome balance of payment problems. According to official figures, total two-way trade last year amounted to 75 million Malaysian dollars (\$31 million).

This comprised 45 million dollars (\$18.5 million) worth of Malaysian exports mainly of rubber and rubber products, and 30 million dollars (\$12.5 million) worth of imports from Romania, mainly fertilizer.

President Ceausescu arrived here Thursday on a three-day visit, during a Southeast Asian tour.

Tunisian oilfield starts operating

TUNIS, Nov. 26 (AP) — Tunisia started operating a new oilfield off its eastern coast Nov. 23, it was announced here.

The Tazarka field, 56 kilometers (33 miles) offshore, has recoverable reserves estimated at 10 million barrels (1.3 million tons) with annual production expected to be about 300,000 tons.

The field is being worked by Tunisian Shell (Societe Shell Tunisien De Recherches Et D'exploitation — Shell Tunisie) in Association with AGIP (Africa) Ltd and Entreprise Tunisienne Des Activites Petrolieres (ETAP).

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	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.135
Bangladesh Taka		14.15
Belgian Franc (1,000)		70.42
Canadian Dollar		280.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	137.00	136.85
Dutch Guilder (100)	125.00	124.85
Egyptian Pound	3.35	3.34
Emirati Dirham (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (100)	48.60	48.40
Greek Drachma (1,000)		47.90
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Iraqi Dinar	6.25	6.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	23.90	23.80
Japanese Yen (1,000)		13.80
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Kuwaiti Dinar	11.80	11.785
Lebanese Lira (100)	85.75	85.60
Moroccan Dirham (100)	51.75	51.55
Pakistani Rupee (100)	29.25	29.12
Philippine Peso (100)		38.90
Pound Sterling	5.49	5.47
Qatari Riyal (100)	93.50	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)		156.40
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	30.20	29.00
Swiss Franc (100)	159.75	157.55
Syrian Lira (100)	60.25	60.42
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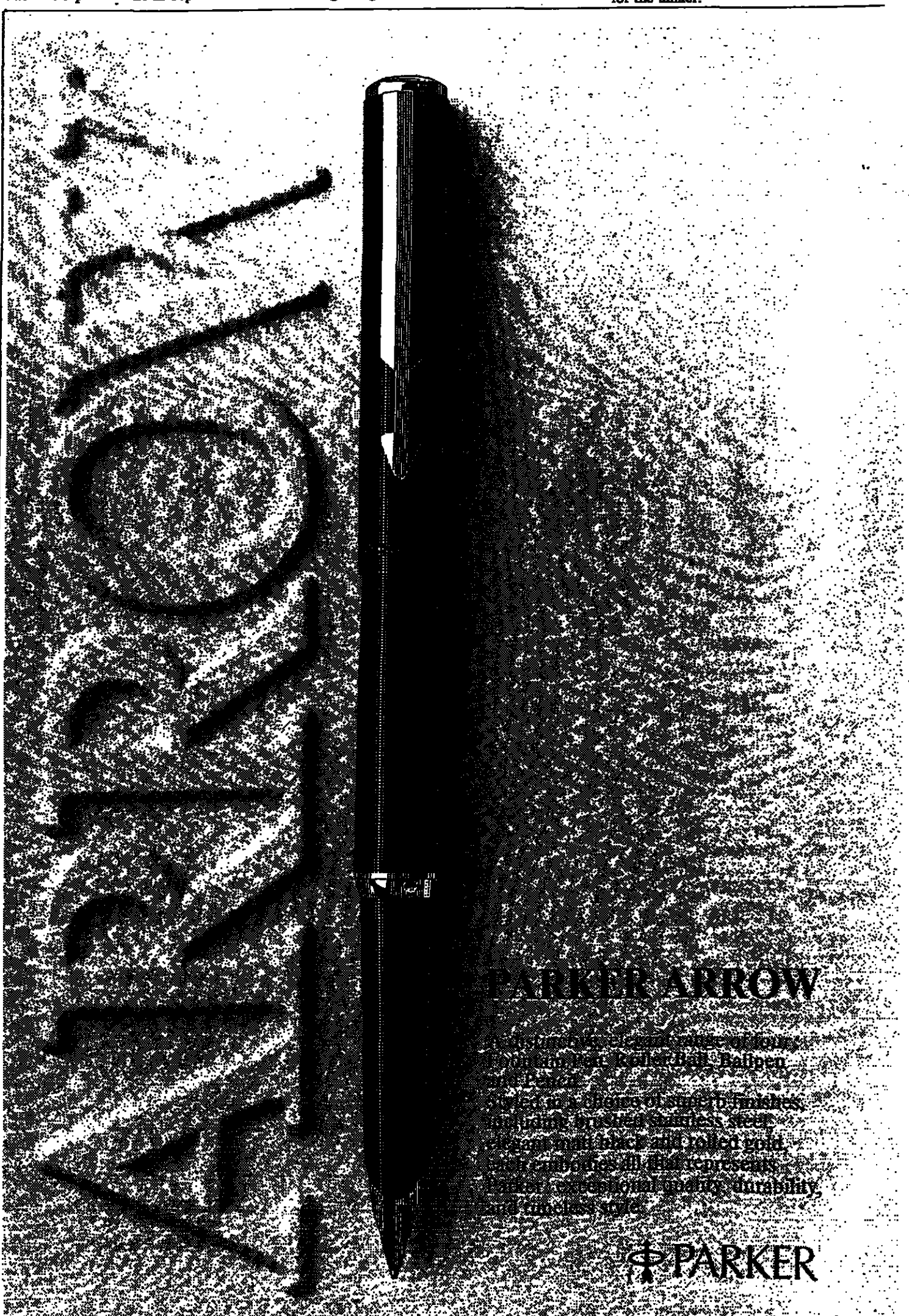
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The law, which was approved by the national parliament Wednesday and takes effect next March 1, tightens existing regulations on stopping suspicious persons and items from entering Soviet territory, according to the text in the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda*.

In a parliamentary speech Wednesday supporting the law, KGB chief Vitaly V. Fedorchuk painted a grim picture of the Soviet Union under siege from Western intelligence services trying to destabilize the system. "Today our class enemy more actively and more massively than ever before is conducting against our country total espionage, ideological subversion to harm the Soviet economy," Fedorchuk charged.

The campaign included sending "agents and emissaries" into the Soviet Union with "weapons and explosives, narcotics, special radio equipment and portable copying equipment and subversive printed material," he asserted. "The border guards must unmask all kinds of tricks to oppose these

hostile actions," Fedorchuk said. His reference to radio equipment and copying machines appeared to be linked to Moscow's concern about labor unrest in neighboring Poland spilling over into Soviet territory.

Soviet authorities have repeatedly accused Western agents of providing the outlawed Solidarity labor union with copying equipment, radio transmitters and other devices to publicize the independent workers' movement.

The new law instructs border guards, who are members of the KGB, to detain undesirable persons and confiscate goods that could damage the country's "political and economic interests, state security, public order, the health and morale of the population."

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Asquith fought war despondency with love letters Reviewer calls new book admirable and enthralling

LONDON, Nov. 26 (AP) — During the first 10 months of World War I, British Prime Minister Herbert Henry Asquith poured out his heart — and the nation's military secrets — to a young woman with whom he was in love.

The letters, published Thursday in a new book, show Asquith writing obsessively to 27-year-old Venetia Stanley, the beautiful daughter of Lord Stanley. Asquith was then 62 and had been premier for six years. He had been married to his second wife Margot, a brilliant society woman, for 20 years.

Asquith often wrote to Venetia twice a day and once, in March 1915, four times, more than 3,000 words. He mixed reflections on literature and comments on colleagues with news of troops and fleet movements, ship losses, battles and details of ministerial disagreements on pensions for war widows.

During the desperate days of allied battle to stem the German advance in France and Belgium, Asquith wrote to Venetia while traveling, sitting on the front bench in the House of Commons and even during cabinet meetings at 10 Downing Street.

Michael Brock, Oxford University historian and warden of Nuffield College, who selected and edited the letters with his wife

Eleanor, said in a telephone interview: "There is nothing like them in the history of the British premiership. They are unique."

Even though the actors in the drama are long dead, one reviewer — Philip Ziegler in *The Standard*, London's evening newspaper — conceded that the book is "admirable and enthralling." But said Asquith's "indifference to the rules of discretion or security, verges on a national scandal."

"There is nothing that I would not show you," Asquith wrote, "so great and deep is my trust."

He wrote of Churchill, who was in his war cabinet: "He will never get to the top in English politics, with all his wonderful gifts; to speak with the tongues of men and angels, and to spend laborious days and nights in administration, is no good if a man does not inspire trust."

The Brocks say there is no indication that Venetia was anything but discreet about her admirer's confidences and that she kept Asquith's secrets. Her letters to him have not survived.

The Brocks' book, *H.H. Asquith: Letters to Venetia Stanley*, costs 19.50 pounds (\$30.80) and the publishers, Oxford University Press, will issue an American edition soon.

Although Asquith used phrases like, "Venetia, very dearest of women" and "my darling," Brock said he inferred from the letters and other evidence that there was never a physical relationship between them. "Lady Diana Cooper, who knew them both, was convinced there was not," he added.

"I think that Venetia was flattered and she liked being in the know. She certainly was fond of Asquith. She was a kind girl and had the gift for restoring the batteries when they were run down. Asquith called her a great lifeline. He found a great need for communicating the troubles of the day, not in a diary, but to a favored correspondent in whom he had great confidence."

Of the 560 letters kept by Venetia, 425 are in the book. "We left out only repetitions and bits about the weather," Brock

said. He related that one reason Asquith wrote so much was his hatred of the telephone. "He never used it. He was a very conservative man, old-fashioned, and a natural letter writer," Brock said.

The tiny circle who knew about Venetia's attraction for Asquith did not talk about it. "In those days, things were kept out of the newspapers to a remarkable degree," Brock said. "Asquith was once the work for drink on the front bench in the House of Commons, but it never got into the press."

The correspondence ended abruptly in May 1915, when Venetia's disclosure that she was to marry his government colleague and close friend, Edwin Montagu. Asquith died in 1928, his wife in 1945 and Venetia in 1948. The letters now belong to Milton Gendel, an American art expert and widower of Venetia's only daughter, Judith.

Brock explained: "Gendel owns the letters but the copyright owner is Asquith's grandson, Mark Bonham Carter. He and Gendel asked us to edit the letters. Bonham Carter made a careful survey of the family and no one objected to the letters being published. 'Gendel keeps the letters in a metal filing cabinet in his flat (apartment) in Rome. It's on an island in the middle of the Tiber.'"

Tass blasts peace group

MOSCOW, Nov. 26 (AP) — The official Soviet news agency Tass lashed out Friday against Moscow's only independent peace group, denouncing its members as "criminals" sponsored by Western secret services.

In the first official comment on the group and its activities, Tass commentator Yuri Kornilov charged last June's formation of the unofficial "committee to establish trust between the USSR and the USA" was an "act of provocation of Western secret services."

Kornilov described the group's members as "anti-Soviet, renegades and criminals" and "a handful of swindlers who do not represent anyone in the Soviet Union."

The Tass commentary mentioned two of about 15 members of the peace group by name: Sergei Batovrin, a 25-year-old artist, and Yuri Vedvedkov, 54, a geographer. It charged that they and "a dozen of their accomplices openly support the war-like Israel."

Batovrin was arrested last Aug. 6 and told he was to be inducted for military service. In a tape recording smuggled out of Moscow's Psychiatric Hospital No. 14 during his stay there, Batovrin said he was forced to take depressant drugs.

He was released from the hospital Sept. 7, but has been repeatedly put under house arrest since then, his friends reported. Batovrin was to address a press conference called by the group Nov. 1, but Soviet plainclothesmen prevented Western newsmen from attending.

Vedvedkov and Yuri Khronopulo were jailed for 15 days in July on charges of hooliganism. Friends said it was part of an effort to prevent them from contacting 300 Scandinavian women who were holding an officially sanctioned peace march through the Soviet Union.



DOWNED LINES: Downed power lines drape over a home in Honouliuli following a hurricane that swept through the islands recently.

U.S. hands over stolen art works to Italy

ROME, Nov. 26 (AP) — Customs officials from the United States Friday handed over to the Italian government seven rare art works stolen from this country and smuggled across the Atlantic, police said. The art works, recovered after joint operations by Italian and U.S. officials, were to be presented to Culture Minister Vincenzo Scotti in a ceremony at the U.S. Embassy in Rome.

Two of the items, 16th century oil paintings, were recovered after the arrest of a Roman Catholic priest and three other men in New York in March, police said. Lorenzo Zorzi, 41, who was assigned to tasks with the Vatican's observer mission to the Holy See to the United Nations, was charged in April with conspiracy, illegal transportation of stolen art work and receiving and sale, and risked a total prison term of 25 years.

One is a work of St. John the Baptist by Andrea del Sarto, stolen from a private owner in April 1981. The other is a portrait of a lady, Eleonora of Toledo, by the School of Bronzino stolen from a private owner in Sept. 1979.

Three of the other works, all statues or fragments of sculptures, were recovered from U.S. museums who bought them unwittingly and in good faith, police said. A marble bust of Sestimo Severo sculpted in ancient Roman times and stolen from a Rome church was found in the Paul Getty Museum in Malibu, California.

A marble fragment by the Athenian School stolen from the Villa Borghese in Rome during World War II turned up in the Princeton University Museum of Art.

A second century D.C. marble bust of John stollen in 1978 from the Villa Caffarelli Garden of Rome's Capitoline Museums was found in the Boston University Museum of Fine Arts. A sixth item, two pages of a sixth century rare book, the Corali Minati, was recovered from an unnamed New York auction house by the FBI, police said.

Another 16th century painting of Catherine dei Medici was recovered following the arrest of an Italian-American in New York, police said. They did not release the suspect's name.

A senior police source at the carabinieri (paramilitary police) nucleus for the protection of artistic wealth, a specialized anti-art theft unit based in Rome, valued the seven works at some \$750,000.

"Customs control in the United States is netting more stolen Italian works of art than before and foreign private museums are changing their minds about keeping items of doubtful provenance," said the police officer who asked not to be named.

According to figures compiled by the carabinieri, criminals stole more than 19,000 paintings, sculptures and other works of art from churches, museums and private collections in Italy between Jan. 1981 to June 1982.

The upsurge in thefts outraged Italian public opinion though the carabinieri recovered some 10,000 of them during the 18-month period.

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Spain to lift Gibraltar blockade by year-end

BRUSSELS, Nov. 26 (Agencies) — The man widely expected to be named Spain's next foreign minister said the 15-year-old land blockade of Gibraltar could be lifted before the end of the year, Belgian radio reported.

Fernando Moran told the radio in an interview broadcast here that the new Socialist government in Madrid would continue to push for the integration of the parcel of land on the southern coast of Spain that has been a British dependency. But he said it was likely that the Gibraltar gate could be opened before the end of the year "provided the other side also agrees."

"I am not sure the opening of the gate will have immediate consequences on the negotiating process with Britain," Moran said. "But for humanitarian reasons and out of consideration for international ethics, I

support the opening of this gate. I do not want the population to be penalized," he said.

The so-called gate is the point of passage between Gibraltar and Spain. Franco closed it in May, 1968, to all but Spanish laborers working in Gibraltar after Madrid appealed to London to be given substantial sovereignty over Gibraltar. In June, 1969, the border was entirely closed and Spanish workers have since been unable to cross into the colony.

In a development, King Juan Carlos solemnly opened Spain's first leftist-controlled Cortes (parliament) Thursday, calling for moderation and praising the democratic system which brought the Socialists to power.

"I have great faith in our future," he told the deputies. "The Spanish people have said that the cause of a minority supported by force could never prevail over the freely

expressed will of the majority." The king warned the armed forces, now bearing the brunt of Basque separatist guerrilla attacks, that they would be wrong to believe they could do away with terrorism by ending democracy.

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Unprecedented six-day leave Pole freed for wife's funeral

WARSAW, Nov. 26 (AP) — Poland's leading dissident Jacek Kuron arrived in a private car at the funeral of his wife here Friday after his temporary release from prison.

Kuron, held on sedition charges filed by the martial law authorities, was allowed the unprecedented six-day leave for his wife's funeral amid growing signs authorities intended to ease some elements of martial law.

Kuron joined his son and about 1,000 friends, mourners and onlookers at the funeral of his wife Grazyna, 42, who died Tuesday.

The 48-year-old dissident leader and intellectual, who had served as a chief adviser to

the independent union Solidarity before he was interned and the labor union was suspended last December, was accompanied by security guards. Kuron was also released last September for one hour to attend his father's funeral, but was flanked by security guards.

The authorities, who charge Kuron and five other members of his dissident group known as "KOR" with seeking the violent overthrow of the state, gave him a six-day furlough Tuesday, the longest leave granted a Solidarity associate or adviser to attend a funeral of a family member since last December.

The crowd outside the chapel was solemn. Kuron's son Maciej, interned along with his father and mother on Dec. 13, said his father refused to talk to anyone and would not make any comments.

Kuron was a founding member of the KOR group. Known by its full name of the Committee for Social Self-Defense, the group was set up after 1976 riots in Radom, central Poland to help workers who were beaten or jailed. KOR was also instrumental in aiding Solidarity workers during initial talks when the union was formed out of Gdansk shipyard strikes in August 1980. It disbanded voluntarily at the union's first and only national congress last year because it said its work was done.

Meanwhile, the government daily *Rzeczpospolita* (republic) said in a commentary Friday that the expected lifting of martial law would require guarantees that "symptoms of anarchy will not recur," and that the situation that led the authorities to declare martial law on Dec. 13 had changed.

"The society must draw all the conclusions from painful experiences of the past two years," the paper said, in what amounted to an admonition to people to stay calm if they wanted the state of emergency to end.

Court hears whites' case in Zimbabwe

HARARE, Nov. 26 (AFP) — The case of six white Zimbabwe Air Force officers held in connection with the sabotage of 13 warplanes worth several million dollars has been heard in the High Court here, in proceedings closed to the public at government request.

Judge Charles Waddington reserved judgment after the proceeding Thursday. The in-camera order, granted by the judge under Zimbabwe's wide-ranging security legislation known as the emergency powers regulations, prohibits publication of details of the hearing. The hearing was a pre-trial proceeding, reliable sources said.

The Airman involved are Air Vice Marshal Hugh Slater, Air Commodore Philip Pile, Wing Commanders Peter Briscoe and John Cox, and Lt. Barrington Lloyd and Neville Weir, the Zimbabwe news agency Ziana reported.

They have been detained since August on suspicion of involvement in the blowing up of four new British-made Hawk and eight older Hawker hunter jet fighters, as well as one light plane, at Thornhill Air Base in central Zimbabwe on July 25. Ministers of the Robert Mugabe government have charged that South African agents carried out the attack, in which sophisticated explosive devices were used to cripple the striking power of the white-dominated air force.

Lawyers for Slater and Briscoe alleged in a September press conference here that their clients had been tortured into making statements to investigators. The attorneys, Michael Hartmann and Rheit Gardener, have themselves been charged with making subversive statements and contempt of court for their remarks at the news conference.

Gardener, who argued at Thursday's closed hearing, and Hartmann were to appear in a magistrate's court Friday for the second time, and were expected to be given another court date two or three weeks hence. They are free on bail.

The airman's case has become the focus for criticism of Zimbabwe's human rights practices in some circles in Britain and the United States. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said in the Commons in London Thursday that she was concerned about the reports that they had been tortured. Several of the detained men hold British passports.

Mitterrand wants to see Andropov

ASWAN, Egypt, Nov. 26 (AP) — French President Francois Mitterrand said Friday he looks forward to summit talks with Soviet Communist Party leader Yuri Andropov to strengthen relations between their two countries.

But Mitterrand admitted he does not know Andropov well and will have to "go back to the lessons of history in an attempt to understand what is going on in Moscow" following the death of President Leonid Brezhnev. Mitterrand spoke at a briefing for French reporters accompanying him on a sightseeing tour of this southern Egyptian winter resort.

Asked about rapprochement between France and the Soviet Union, Mitterrand said: "I reject the term rapprochement because political facts say the Soviet Union has taken action in Afghanistan for which we blame it. There are other mistakes...but Franco-Soviet relations are permanent."

"One can think that some day there will be direct talks at the summit to bring about a rapprochement, if I am to borrow the term you (the questioner) used," Mitterrand said. "This will come about for sure. Every minute there is rapprochement."

Of Andropov, Mitterrand said: "I cannot claim I have an unusual view of Mr. Andropov because I do not know him. I have to go back to the lessons of history in an attempt to understand what is going on in Moscow and there is a margin of error."

India, France near accord on uranium

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26 (AFP) — A last-minute agreement on French delivery of enriched uranium for India's Tarapur atomic power plant is expected to clear away what would otherwise have proved a stumbling block in the talks French President Francois Mitterrand will have here during his four-day visit to India which begins Saturday.

The agreement, being thrashed out by French and Indian officials, was reported to be near completion and French sources said they hoped it would be signed Friday. It spells out the conditions under which France will ship enriched uranium to India for the Tarapur atomic power plant near Bombay and was understood to meet Indian objections to what it saw as attempts to impose "imperialist" control over its nuclear options.

At the same time, however, the accord will preserve France's commitments to its co-members in the International Atomic Energy Agency over nuclear fuel supplies. With this issue out of the way, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Mitterrand will be able to get down to other questions, including Franco-Indian bilateral trade the widens scope of North-South relations, nonalignment and the general international situation.

Cambodian guerrillas clinch deal with Thai company

BANGKOK, Nov. 26 (AFP) — Cambodian guerrillas have clinched a deal with a Thai company for the sale of one million cubic meters of timber from northwest Cambodia, an aide to Cambodian opposition leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk said Friday.

The agreement was signed on Oct. 13 with the Thailand's Kasat Company, Bour Hell, member of the economic and finance committee of the Cambodian anti-Vietnamese opposition coalition, said in this Thai capital. The coalition links Sihanoukists with the pro-Peking Khmer Rouge and Son Sann's nationalist group.

Under the agreement, the Thai company would cut and fell timber in Cambodian territory held by the Sihanoukists and transport it overland through a border pass adjacent to the northeast Thailand province of Surin. The guerrillas would ensure security in the operation but the Thai company would have to negotiate with Thai authorities for the opening of the border pass at Surin, Bour Hell told a news conference.

The deal, for four years, involved 650,000 cubic meters of soft wood and 350,000 meters of hard wood. It is the first trade deal since the pro-Peking Khmer Rouge were ousted from Phnom Penh by Vietnamese-led forces

in 1979.

Officials of Son Sann's Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) earlier privately expressed displeasure over the deal, about which they said they had not been consulted. But Bour Hell said the Sihanouk group needed no approval from the other two coalition partners, as the deal involved timber from territory it held.

The deal was announced amid reports that the coalition, whose partners have a history of rivalry, may be facing new internal problems after winning United Nations General Assembly support last month to occupy the Cambodian seat.

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Lebanon tragedy recalled

Physicians no match to Israeli weapons

By Susan Saporito
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON.—On the last day of a four-week tour that took her to several U.S. cities, Dr. Amal Shamme, West Beirut physician, spoke to a gathering of concerned citizens in Houston about her experiences as a doctor during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the problems she faced in the United States when giving the Arab point of view.

Dr. Shamme, who became a U.S. citizen in 1976, said that being Lebanese and now a U.S. citizen, she has the advantage of seeing the situation in Beirut from both cultures and both sides. Speaking to different clubs, college groups, a few congressional aides and the U.S. news media, Dr. Shamme said that judging by many of the questions she was asked, much work remains to be done.

"I have to convince the people that things are not as stereotyped or simple as they make it out to be," Dr. Shamme noted. "It's not the good guys versus the bad ones. And the bad guys are not the ones that have a four letter name attached to them, that is, Arab. Unfortunately, what I've found throughout most of the tour, actually, is that part of the legitimacy of what I say is sometimes discredited because I am of Arab heritage and I was brought over by the Arab Women's Council. I speak of what is termed an Arab view point, and therefore, I am already discredited."

"There has also been so much misunderstanding of facts, mainly because most people's knowledge of facts started one, maybe months or a year or two ago. The hurdle I've had to face are sometimes insurmountable. We have to take people understand that we're not warmongers over there or that we're not over there killing people or killing each other if we don't have somebody else to kill. We have to show that we are peace-loving people and we just want to live like everybody else does," Dr. Shamme said.

"On this trip, I've tried to make people understand what the Lebanese as a people went through, as seen by myself, because I had to deal with it directly... people who would come to the hospital, people who were injured. I don't think people in this country realize the extent of the damage done to Lebanon, during this invasion. They always ask me, how many people were killed, as if it was really important to determine whether the number of killed were 20,000 or 5,000 thousand," Dr. Shamme said. "Somehow in their minds, 20,000 deaths are too high, it's unacceptable. But something like 5,000 or 7,000 is justified. Sometimes I wonder if they were to put themselves in the place of some of those people I had to deal with throughout the summer, the very personal tragedies of every single person who came to the emergency room and lost a son or daughter or mother or father or all his children or all his family... that, to these people, it doesn't matter whether 5,000 people died or 20,000 died."

"I just have to tell them," Dr. Shamme said. "It was people who died. And if you had been in their place, it wouldn't have mattered to you how many people had died, other than your children dying or your parents dying or your brothers and sisters dying."

"I was in a difficult position working there. It wasn't a matter of insufficient medical expertise or insufficient medical supplies and equipment," Dr. Shamme commented. "It was just that the weapons and the enemies were doing such a good job at killing people and maiming people that no physician or hospital in the world could be a match to those modern weapons."

Dr. Shamme said she frequently was questioned by the media about the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and its role in

Lebanon. "I was frequently asked if it was my hospital that was being used by the PLO to shell Israel," Dr. Shamme said. "You have to tell them that there was no hospital used by the PLO to shell Israel. I was also asked if it was true that the PLO was hiding behind the civilian population protecting themselves. It was contrary to facts what really happened was that the Israelis were shelling civilian population and civilian areas to get at the PLO. The PLO finally evacuated to save what remained of West Beirut. Israel did not shell necessarily military targets. Most of the shelling involved civilian areas and non-military targets."

Although the shelling has ceased in Beirut, Dr. Shamme said, the war in Lebanon continues. "The war is not over there," she said. "It's not enough to clear the air and quieten the guns. In Lebanon, the war goes on, and it's much more subtle and it's much more dangerous and every Palestinian on Lebanese soil and every Lebanese has his own individual war to fight, whether it is to get a roof over his head, to put his children back together under one roof, to find a job, to find a school for his children if it has been destroyed or to find a hospital in a city when half the hospitals are no longer in use."

In regards to the economic situation in Lebanon, Dr. Shamme said Lebanese farmers are fighting to retain the market they once had and to compete with Israeli products now being sold there. "The Lebanese market is open to Israeli products, and things are being sold there at prices far below the cost price of the Lebanese farmer," she said.

During the invasion, Dr. Shamme said she had her own personal war with Israeli forces. She said Israeli soldiers came into Burmish Hospital where she was working and used the facility as a "shooting outpost," much against her protests. "Everyday I would fight with them and tell them they weren't supposed to be there. They also went into my apartment, ransacked it, looted it and 'defouled' it. They also used it as a shooting outpost," she said.

Asked about plans by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee to bring wounded Lebanese and Palestinians into the United States for treatment, Dr. Shamme called it a political issue, referring to the snag in getting the necessary approval that will allow the children to enter the United States.

"It's hard to keep up with these people because none of them are at their home address; their homes don't exist anymore. We're waiting for them to come back in," she said. There are other problems with getting the parents agree to let the children go.

Regarding reports that one small boy who had a bomb blown up in his face in Lebanon which caused him to lose his eyesight, is in St. Lukes Hospital in Houston, Dr. Shamme said. "He apparently was brought over by private donations. As a private patient coming in, he doesn't have a television camera man meeting him at the airport. That's all right. But to have 50 children come in at once. That's a news story that everyone is going to pick up on."

Dr. Shamme said she believes that the United States is the only power in the world who can bring peace to the Middle East. "The U.S. can be an arbitrator if it seriously assumes the role of arbitrator; that is, to deal fairly with both sides, recognizing the protagonists and not side-stepping the issue like what happened with the Camp David accords. For this to work, you have to get the Israelis to respect you and the Palestinians to trust you. Unless that happens, the U.S. cannot function as an effective arbitrator. If it does not have the courage to reassess its position and come to that conclusion, then it cannot bring peace to the Middle East."



HOMELESS: A little boy holds the remains of what was once a toy as he and his grandfather look for belongings in their destroyed home at the Rashidieh refugee camp, south of Tyre. Below: The flattened township of the Sabra camp, recent scene of an inhuman massacre.



Montreal convention extends support to Palestinian cause

By Muhammad Azhar Ali Khan

OTTAWA.—North Americans of Arab origin have discovered that it is better to convey their viewpoints and concerns to fellow-Americans than to keep them to themselves and grumbled that they are being maligned.

As Dr. John Makhoul, president of the Association of Arab American University Graduates said at the organization's 15th annual convention in Montreal: Arab American have come a long way. Formerly they used to suffer constant insults and derogatory epithets. Now they get up and say with pride that they are Americans of Arab origin.

The Montreal convention was something of a landmark for the AAUG. For one thing, it was the first convention to be held outside the United States. Chief speaker at the plenary session was Pierre de Bane, Canadian fisheries minister, who was born in Haifa but who migrated to Canada and rose to become a cabinet minister. Chief speaker at the banquet was Quebec's Deputy Prime Minister Jacques-Yvan Morin, who spoke of Quebec province's determination to build closer relations with Arab countries and who predicted that a Palestinian state will one day be formed.

President Makhoul told the convention his organization had published some 50 books, it publishes a regular monthly newsletter an Arab Studies Quarterly jointly with the Arab Studies Institute. It has sent delegations to the Middle East including those of journalists and students—all to promote a better understanding between the Arab countries and North America.

Because the speakers at the convention included Palestine Liberation Organization leader Shafiq Al-Hout and head of the Palestine Red Crescent Society Dr. Fathi Arafat, Zionist organizations urged the Canadian and Quebec ministers to keep away from the conference — and told the Canadian government to deny visas to the visitors.

When these demands were rejected, a demonstration was arranged outside the Sheraton Hotel in Montreal, where the convention was being held. But the proceedings were not affected. Now the AAUG has taken an unusual step. It has publicly thanked the Canadians government and the Quebec gov-

ernment, and their people, for their "warm and cordial welcome" to convention participants. In addition to sending letters of thanks to the people concerned, the association also sent letters to the Canadian press which were published.

Said the letter: "The few Zionist protesters who attempted to coerce and intimidate the Canadian public as well as members of the Canadian government into boycotting the convention obviously failed. We are proud of our association's commitment to the free exchange of ideas and express our thanks to those in Canada who cherish this democratic idea."

The Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates brought together American, Arab and Canadian professionals from various fields to discuss, rationally and scientifically,

questions relating to the Arab world and to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"A main objective of the association is to provide a forum for the exchange of information in order to promote better understanding and, ultimately, to serve the cause of peace, progress and equity. For this reason, the convention was open to all points of view and to all people who are concerned enough to engage in dialogue and rational discourse. The AAUG has traditionally invited progressive Israeli scholars to attend its convention. "This year's convention was no exception."

"It must also be noted that the Palestine Liberation Organization is the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. It is recognized by no fewer than 108 governments around the world. It regularly participates in all United Nations debates and

activities. PLO leaders and officials have the right to go anywhere and to attend all conferences in order to place the case of their people in the forefront of world public opinion."

The convention was remarkable for the high quality of scholarly speeches given by Arabs, Israelis and other participants. But some persons were singled out at the convention and presented special citations. Among them was Prime Minister Andreas Papanastasiou of Greece, who was praised for his courageous stand during Israel's invasion of Lebanon in the summer. The prime minister sent a special aide to Canada to receive the award and to reaffirm Greece's support for a sovereign Palestinian state.

In the arts category, British actress Vanessa Redgrave was cited for her contribution to the Arab cause and Ralph Nader was hon-

ored as a person of Arab origin who had contributed to the welfare of North America. Redgrave and Nader were not present to receive the awards. Rev. Donald Wagner was honored for his commitment to the defense of Palestinian human rights and two Norwegian doctors and Canadian doctor Christopher Giannou were honored for their humanitarian and courageous work in helping tend those who were wounded during the war.

As Pierre de Bane said, the convention was a "great encouragement to the Canadian community of Arab origin." It will also please those who feel that Arabs have been maligned a great deal in North America and that they should make better known their viewpoints and their contribution to North America.

Zimbabwe resettlement program in trouble

By Joseph Hanton

HARARE (G) — Zimbabwe's ambitious resettlement program is in serious trouble. It is now accepted that the government's year-old promise to resettle 162,000 landless families in three years is hopelessly unrealistic. Neither the land nor the money is available, because of the combined restraints of the Lancaster House agreement and of internal politics.

As the government tries to recast the program, it is facing conflicting pressures. Squatting is growing as the landless take over unused white farmland. Estimates range up to 300,000 families, and there are definitely more families squatting than can be resettled even if the plan succeeds. On the other hand, commercial farmers, foreign donors, and some government officials are trying to keep the program as small as possible, and to resettle better-off black farmers rather than the landless.

The principle of resettlement remains sound: Most white farmland is underused and if farmed more intensively could easily support the landless while still producing a surplus for export. But the government's current plans would require two-thirds of all white farmland for the 162,000 families, and that much land is not available.

The Lancaster House agreement called for voluntary land reform. The government could take over easily only land that farmers wanted to sell. If it nationalized land, a complex court procedure is required, and then payment must be in hard currency that can be taken out of the country.

Since independence, producer price increases have made commercial farming very profitable. White farmers are only willing to sell their poorest land, sometimes buying better land themselves. To nationalize sufficient land would cost 250 million pounds.

Some progressive economists here are promoting the idea of a land tax, which would be scaled according to the quality of the land. It would have little impact on the minority of efficient commercial farmers. But the majority would be forced to concentrate their attention on part of their land, and sell off the rest to the government. Not surprisingly, there is strong opposition from commercial farmers and entrenched colonial bureaucrats still in government ministries.

Ironically, so much land is needed for resettlement because the government is keeping costs down. People are being resettled as subsistence farmers with the most basic technology: No irrigation, and cattle pulling ploughs rather than tractors. This means each family needs twelve acres plus grazing land. Often land is required for cattle that could be cropped if tractors were available. Irrigation and tractors would halve the required land, but would double the cost and development time.

The second problem is that massive resettlement would lead to a short-term drop in agricultural production of up to 150 million pounds a year. This is both because of the low investment level on the new farms, and because the target of resettlement is the poorest, landless peasants who have little experience and no farm implements of their own. On formerly abandoned land, where most resettlement has been so far, any production is an increase. But even on underused white land, production will temporarily fall.

Even with a strong agricultural extension service, it will take new settlers several years to develop going farms. To further keep down costs, the treasury has barred a sufficient expansion of extension services. And an International Monetary Fund delegation in Harare is pressing for further cuts in government expenditure — which means even less money for resettlement.

A fall in production means a drop in Zimbabwe's famous maize surplus, and this is being used to argue against resettlement. The view of commercial farmers was put in a recent column by "Zingizi" in *The Herald*: Zimbabwe's "huge mountain of maize" is an example to the rest of Africa, and Zimbabwe has a responsibility not to disrupt production of the massive surplus by commercial farmers.

The huge maize surplus does not even feed Zimbabwe, and there is hunger side-by-side with the maize mountain. Recent surveys have shown that up to half the children of workers on those commercial farms are severely malnourished, as are one-third of the children of peasant farmers.

Clearly resettlement on this scale would be disruptive and expensive. But it would be possible. Zimbabwe now has two year's supply of maize in store, which would cover any shortfall. And the 750 million pound cost is less than is being spent on development of the Wankie thermal power stations, which have been criticized as unnecessary. It seems unlikely, however, that international bankers would be as willing to fund and reform as they are to pay for Wankie.

In practice, though, such a change is politically unacceptable. It would disturb the ever fragile "confidence" of white farmers, the IMF and aid donors, and of the multinational companies whose investment Zimbabwe is trying to attract.

Thus the government is drifting into a less disruptive resettlement plan. The new minister of lands and resettlement, Moven Mahachi, was himself the head of a cooperative farm. His ministry has put new stress on turning running farms into cooperatives or collectives. These farms already have the infrastructure, and it is hoped they will support settlers as well as the present farm workers without too serious a short-term drop in output.

But the resettlement program is also being watered down. Recently the government decided to slow down, and for the current financial year only 20,000 families are to be resettled.

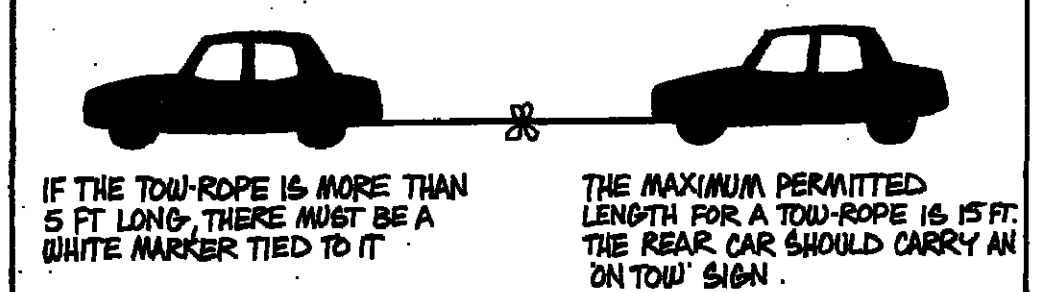
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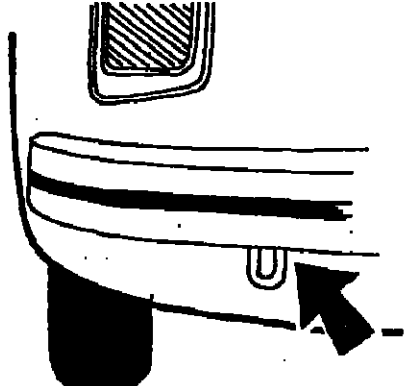


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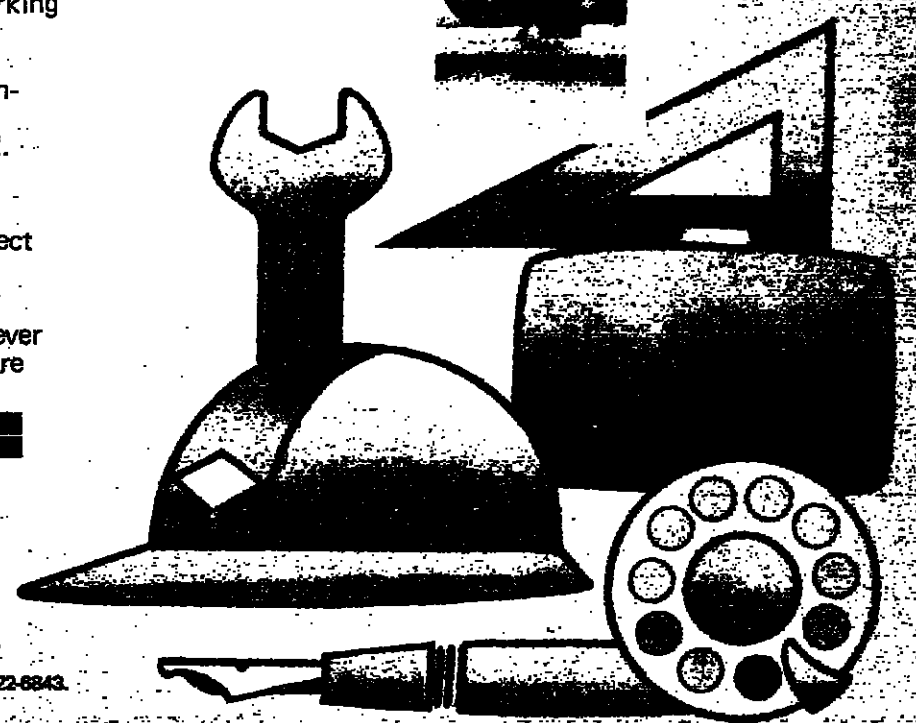
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San Diego project

Immersing children in a second language

By David G. Savage

SAN DIEGO (LAT) — Each day begins at Lee elementary school in San Diego much as it does at most American schools — with the pledge of allegiance.

But at Lee, the young children do their pledging in Spanish to "Los Estados Unidos," the start of a school day conducted almost entirely in Spanish. Nearly half of them are English-speaking children who are beginning their school careers by being "immersed" or almost totally involved, in the Spanish language.

For the last seven years, several San Diego schools have been trying out an idea that began in Montreal and now has spread throughout Canada — that is, if young children are immersed in a second language, they can become fully bilingual by the sixth grade.

It is a two-way street for those in the San Diego program because English-language instruction also is offered, most of it at later stages of the program.

And San Diego school officials now have the evidence to show the idea works. Both the native English-speaking and native Spanish-speaking children who finished sixth grade last year scored at or above the national averages on tests of reading (in English) and math.

"These children are not only doing well in all the basic skills, but they have learned a second language as well," said Eugenio Lear, project coordinator.

The San Diego project has been the only Spanish-English immersion effort funded under the federal government's Bilingual Education Act. Since the demonstration has been proven successful, the U.S. department of education will soon cite it as a model for other school districts to follow, said Ray Chavez, a project specialist in the department's bilingual education unit.

"If we've learned one thing about teaching languages," said Steven Krashen, a linguistics professor at the University of Southern California, "it is that we acquire language when we can understand messages — not through grammar, vocabulary or talking. These teachers use pictures and objects to teach. And the focus is on learning geography or math, not Spanish. We have plenty of evidence that this approach works."

At Lee elementary, kindergarten and first grade for the immersion students is conducted for all but 30 minutes a day in Spanish. (The classes, by federal regulation, may have about 40 English-speaking students and 60 Spanish-speaking students, a provision put into the bilingual education act to end segregation of Latino children.)

Remarkably, after only two months of school, the 5-year-old English-speaking children understand and respond to the teacher's basic instruction in Spanish.

Asked her name in Spanish, one 5-year-old quickly offers, "Mc Nombre Jennifer."

By second grade, the children are reading in Spanish as well as getting an hour of daily instruction in English with a different teacher.

Unlike many bilingual classes, the immersion schools don't mix languages in the same class. Spanish-language teachers speak only Spanish, English teachers only English, so the children do not become confused by the two languages.

Then, in third grade, the children also learn to read in English. "I'd have to say I was leery at first" since the children start off learning Spanish, said Barbara Steirs, principal at Lee.

"I thought they'd fall behind in English." But linguistic researchers say the skills of reading are "transferable." Learning to read in one language makes it much easier to read in a second one, especially when the two are as similar as Spanish and English.

"They catch up very quickly in the third grade and then go right by the other children" who are in the traditional classes, Steirs said. Only about four of Lee's 20 classes follow the immersion model.

Patricia Ludi, a fourth-grade teacher at Lee, said the students entering her class have already caught up to the national averages in reading (English) and math, even though they began learning to read in Spanish first. "They absorb it so quickly. (Having learned to read in Spanish) seems to enhance their growth in English," she said.

In the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, half the school day is in Spanish, half in English. By the end of elementary school, the children can read and speak fluently in both languages.

"They're so proud of themselves because they can speak both languages and they often get to translate for their parents," Ludi said. More important, last year's sixth-graders in the immersion program scored at the 7.0 grade level on a nationally standardized test of reading in English and at 7.9 grade level in math.

San Diego officials, looking for ways to meet the challenges of bilingual education, were confident of such success after they visited the well-established French-English immersion schools in Montreal in the early 1970s.

"I was so awed by seeing these native English-speaking kids who spoke French like natives. And I wondered: Why couldn't we do this in San Diego?" said Hal Wingard, director of language programs for the San Diego unified school district.

"Without a doubt, if you want to become proficient in using a second language, this is the way to do it," Wingard added, noting that most American students "study" a foreign language for a few years in high school, but never really learn it.

"Common sense seemed to say there's no way they're going to develop their skills in English," said Frank King, a school district official credited with originating the immersion project.

"But what we've shown is that whether these kids are tested in English, Spanish, math, social studies or whatever, they score as well or better than the comparison groups of children. They not only don't lose anything, they gain the advantage of becoming bilingual," he said.

Charles Herbert, an independent evaluator who assessed the San Diego project, said its key to success was "very intensive instruction from the beginning. In some bilingual education classes, you see Spanish children fall behind because they don't really understand what's going on. These teachers make sure the kids are learning the concepts."



GOOD FRIENDS: This sea lion and friendly killer whale enjoy each other's company in a pool at Sea World in Orlando, Florida. Their keepers say they are the best of friends.

Marine biologists study enigma of whale beaching

By Lee Dembart

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Marine biologists are hopeful that information learned from the 65 pilot whales that beached themselves on Cape Cod recently will help unravel the mystery of why these giant sea creatures commit mass suicide.

Aristotle wrote about whale strandings more than 2,000 years ago, but scientists still do not have a good idea of why they occur. It is one more of life's little puzzles, like what to do about a bad back and how to fix the economy.

"It's a true enigma," said John Prescott, director of the New England Aquarium in Boston, which runs a worldwide stranding network to study these incidents. The aquarium is coordinating the investigation of the whales that stranded themselves and died on the beach at Wellfleet, Mass.

"It's not well understood," agreed Don Wilkie, director of the aquarium and museum at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, Calif. "If you tow them off, they will continue to turn back and strand themselves again."

The theory currently in vogue is that the strandings are a behavioral response to some stimulus and are not caused by a pathological or anatomical malfunction. What the stimulus might be is anybody's guess.

Wilkie said he thinks the beachings occur when panic seizes the whales or, perhaps, just their leaders. "It's a reaction akin to cattle and sheep stampeding," he theorized. The beached whales remain panicked, so if they are dragged back into the water, they respond the same way.

"It may be due to a leader or a couple of leaders of the group being ill or disoriented, in some way causing the whole group to follow them into shore," said Karen Moore, a

member of the Marine mammals project at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts.

But, Prescott said, 50 of the 65 whales that died at Wellfleet have been examined, and none was sick. "These guys are robust, healthy appearing," he said, "if there's a leader who's sick who leads them ashore, we haven't found an abnormality yet."

The mass strandings, Prescott said, are quite different from individual strandings, which typically do involve sick animals. In single strandings, he said, "we generally find the cause of death: heart attack, liver-kidney failure, stroke."

For several years it was thought that mass strandings were caused by parasites in the whales' ears, which inhibited their hearing and their sonar faculties. The trouble is, many healthy whales have been found with parasites in their ears, and post-mortem examinations of parasite-infested whales has turned up no impairment of their hearing. Furthermore, in the current group, no parasites were found in the whale's ears.

"Basically, it's not a pathological condition which causes this," Wilkie said. "It's a behavioral response."

Another theory is that the whales are feeding close to shore when they get confused by the tide and their prey, which lead them to shore. Here again, examination of the latest group of whales shows that their stomachs were empty and that they had not fed for several hours before they died.

One clue now being pursued involves the site of the beaching. In 1930 and 1957, large groups of whales were stranded in exactly the same spot, suggesting throughout is something about its topography that draws the sea animals. Cape Cod has many coves and a strong tide, which could contribute to the phenomenon.

Comeback for the good old iron horse

By Arjuna

MANILA (Depthnews) — Like all travelers, I always carry sacred laws. One maxim is short and to the point: when lost, find a railroad track to give you the shortest distance from point to point. Running as much as possible in a straight line, railroad tracks are indeed a way to the nearest town, or station. But their value goes beyond getting lost, for the tracks carry one of the magnificent modes of transportation I have been upon, whether on a small island in the Philippines or the transnational ride from Singapore to Bangkok.

Being one of my obsessions, I ride trains whenever I have the time and inclination. I rode the hours-long Iloilo-Roxas line in Panay Island in the Philippines because it is the only public railroad transport outside of Luzon Island. I rode the Singapore-Bangkok line because it offered a variety of delights along the way, especially a nice diversion on the beaches of Penang Island in the Malaysian part of the days-long Singapore to Bangkok journey.

Until overtaken by the popularity of

motoring and the spreading networks of paved roads, railways used to dominate the Asian transport scene. In the course of time many rail systems have been all but sidetracked by operating losses. But their fuel efficiency compared with gas-guzzling trucks has put the railways on a possible comeback trail. Still, the density of railways network — route length in proportion to land area — in Asia and the Pacific remains low.

Only Japan, with 21,322 kilometers of routes to 377,600 square kms of land area, has a network density close to that of European countries. It is also worth mentioning that in Japan, one of the world's major producers of cars and trucks, 40 percent of the population still depend on railways for transport. India — which has the longest route, followed by China — has a low network density because (like China) of its huge land mass.

In China 60 percent of the people make use of trains to move about their country. The bulk of cargoes in India, South Korea, Bangladesh and China is transported by rail. In India, it has been found that rail

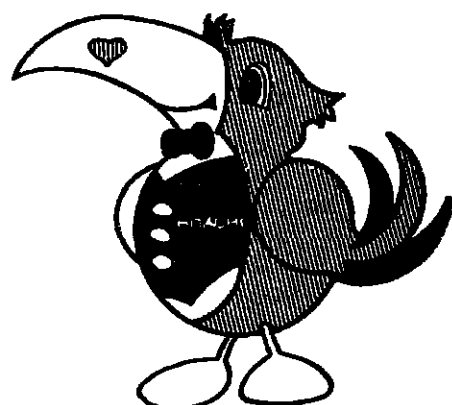
operations transport about twice the ton-miles of freight with one-half the amount of fuel in comparison with trucking operations. And this is where the future of Asian trains leads to: the critical need for fuel-efficient modes of transport in the face of high energy costs. However the comeback for trains is not likely to be an easy one. Of 15 railways in Asia and the Pacific, only five are making profits, with passenger transport providing the bulk of revenues of six companies, while freight earned most for the other nine.

It is in the railroad's consideration for the public where its beauty exactly rolls along. State-run railways especially don't abandon routes, though unprofitable, so that people in remote areas can have access to public transport. In the name of public service and to help stabilize the economy, government-managed railways deliberately freeze fares and freight charges at levels within easy reach of low-income groups.

I can hear their lonesome whistle blowing now, the trains making a great comeback. The track leads straight to the future, although the ride is far from being smooth.

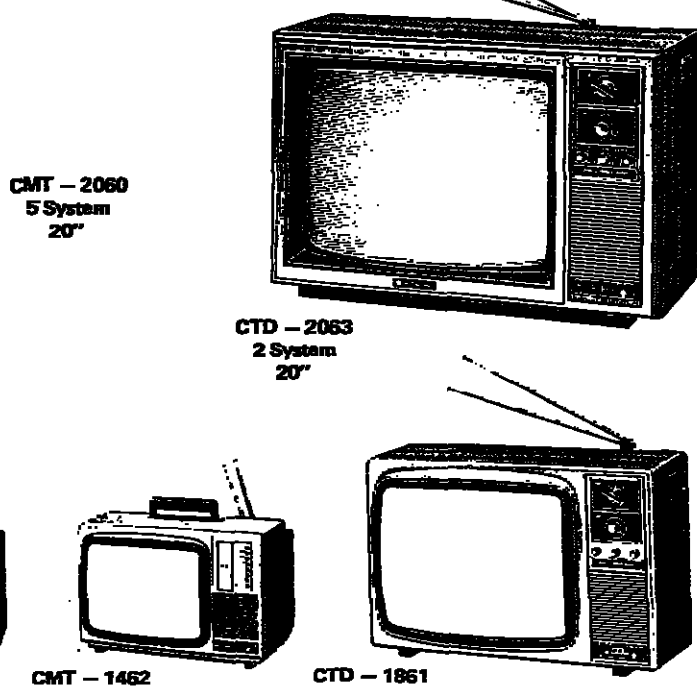
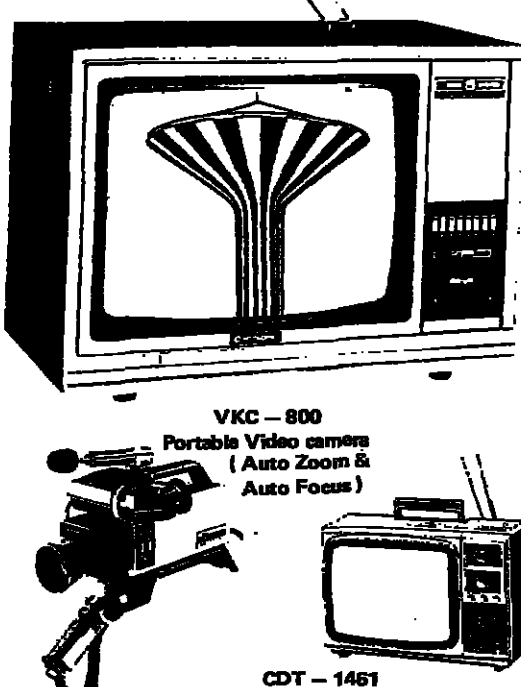
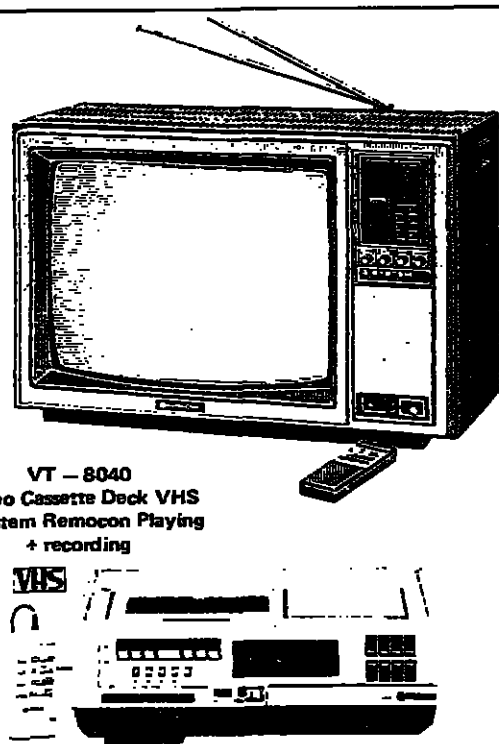
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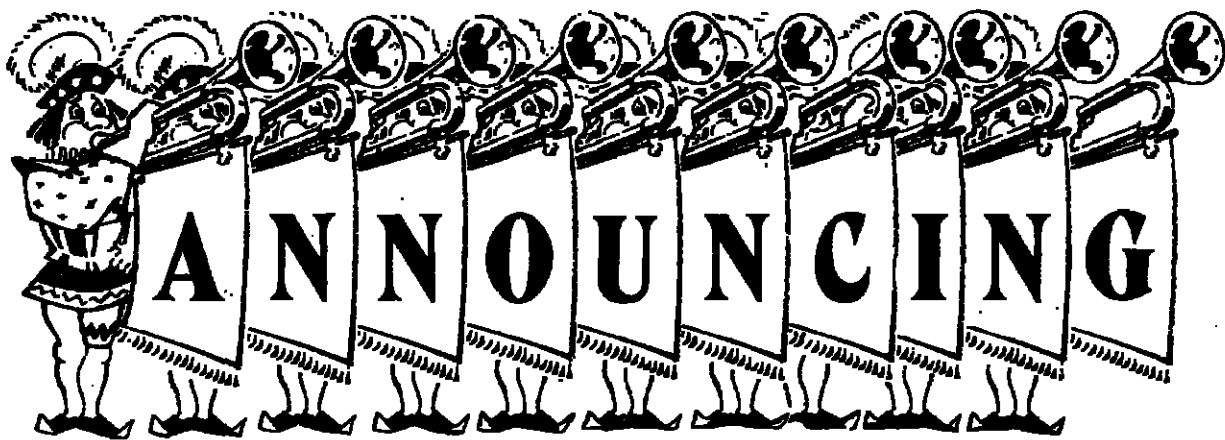
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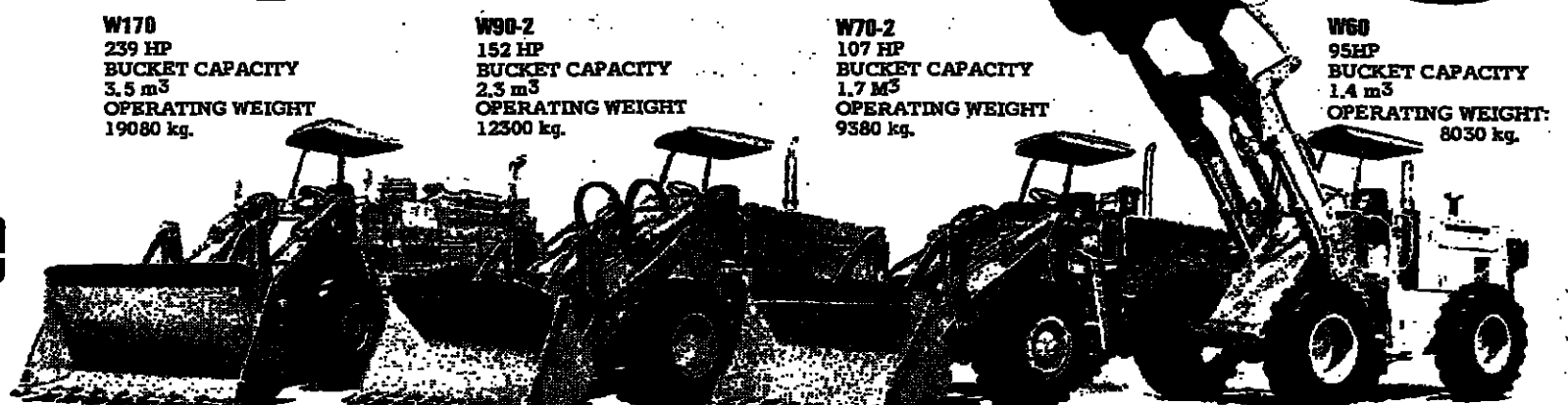
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Texas actor plans gene pool

Saving the African black rhinoceros

By Maggie Kennedy

GLEN ROSE, Texas (DTS) — Shoulders straight, chin up and his silver hair meticulously combed back from his softly wrinkled face, Marlin Perkins stood regularly beneath the oak tree surveying another kind of wild kingdom.

The land glowed in the soft, pale apricot beams of the setting sun. Several hundreds yards behind Perkins, a small herd of deer scampered silently into a stand of cedar and red oak trees. "It even looks like Africa, doesn't it," someone remarked to the popular star of one of television's longest-running shows.

Dressed in his customary safari suit of tan trousers, tan shirt and tan bush jacket, Perkins smiled slightly. "This looks like a lot of places in Africa," he replied as he looked down the hill, his hand shading his eyes from the sun. "The food is available here, too. This land is rich in grasses and the leaves of the trees are also edible."

Perkins had come to Waterfall Ranch, a 1,300-acre wildlife breeding sanctuary near this Somervell county community 40 miles from Fort Worth, to check out the prospective home of eight to 10 African Black rhinoceroses. He was also the special guest of honor at a \$100-a-person safari party to raise the funds needed to relocate the rhinos to millionaire oilman Tom Mantzel's unique facility next spring.

The rhinoceros, which has survived man, beast and the elements for 60 million years, is now the most seriously endangered animal on the African continent. And of the five species of rhinoceros, the black rhino with its two slightly curved horns has fared the worst. In 1930, approximately 150,000 black rhinos thrived in the African bush. By 1969, their population had dwindled to 20,000, and six years ago there were 13,000 Kenyan black rhinos. Today there are fewer than 800.

The "rhinos for Texas" wildlife conservation project is supported by the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW) and IVECO, Europe's second largest commercial vehicle manufacturer.

Texas was chosen as an ideal relocation spot for the black rhino, according to Perkins, because the environment here is so similar to that of Africa. The ranch is currently home to 600 other rare and endangered species, including Grevy's zebra, addax and sable.

"I feel it's very important to establish a gene pool for the rhino," he said. He, his wife, Carol and his longtime assistant Jim Fowler are members of the project's honorary committee. There is very heavy poaching of the rhino in Africa now and the animal's numbers are diminishing very quickly. It's imperative that the black rhino have the opportunity to breed and develop in safety."

The famed wildlife conservationist explained that the black rhino has prospered in traditional zoos for some time but that the "rhino ranch" idea is relatively new. "Seven black rhinos have been born at the Cincinnati Zoo in the past 20 years," he said, "and there have been quite a few more bred in zoos in

the rest of the world."

A few want to breed black rhinos on a much larger scale so that eventually animals can be shipped back to Africa to repopulate and strengthen dwindling herds. The non-profit organization hopes that waterfall ranch will be the first of several rhino-breeding stations operating in the United States.

"I can remember in Kenya when you could drive out and see bunches of rhinos," Perkins added. "Today they're very scarce. You have to look a long time before you'll see one." The 78-year-old veteran of hundreds of expeditions into the wild wasn't the only person who thought waterfall ranch looked a great deal like Africa.

"It's good, it's the best imitation of Kenya I've seen," laughed Betty Leslie Melville, the founder-president of a few and one of the hosts for the ranch party. "All it needs is a few giraffes, elephants and rhinos to make it complete. I think our rhinos will be very comfortable and at home here."

Mrs. Melville is a former Baltimore nursery school teacher who went to Africa to visit her best friend and became so enamored with Kenya that she came home and talked her banker husband and her three children into making Nairobi their new home. In 1960, the couple started the first non-hunting tours of Africa. She later married Jock Melville, an Englishman who had become a citizen of Kenya, and together they have written five books on wildlife conservation, lectured throughout the world and been the subject of a movie, "the last giraffe."

The Melvilles started a few several years ago during their effort to save Kenya's rare and endangered Rhotschild giraffe. Currently, the organization is directing its efforts almost exclusively toward saving the black rhino.

"There is in Africa today only 1 percent of the game that was there before the white man came," Mrs. Melville said, "and he shot most of it."

Mrs. Melville called the rhino-relocation project necessary to the survival of Kenya. "Kenya has no natural resources," she said.

"Tourism is our biggest industry and people come here from all over the world to see the wild animals. Without tourism, the native Kenyans would be without jobs. By saving the animals we are helping both the people and the animals."

The rhino has long been cursed by its myth-encrusted horn. The young men of Yemen prize daggers with handles carved of rhino horn. And throughout Asia, apothecary shops sell ground rhino horn as a cure for everything from high fevers to headaches. Ancient Chinese carved the horn into magnificent works of art, including ceremonial cups and decorative dishes for washing paint brushes. They also made sword handles, buttons and belt buckles from it.

Africans used the horn to make snuff boxes, clubs, cups, walking sticks and sword handles. They used the armor-like hide of the rhino for shields, whips and even pillows. In the eighth century, the Chinese occasionally covered the backs of small boats with the hide



RARE BABY: Zoologists at the San Diego Wild Animal Park in California are elated over the birth of a rare one-horned Indian rhinoceros. The male calf is one of only 100 Indian rhinos in captivity. Only 1,200 remain in the wild after many have been killed by hunters seeking their valuable horn.

to deflect arrows and spears. Rhino feet have been used as table legs and made into boxes and the toes of Sumatran rhinos were worn as amulets.

Even though the poaching of the rhino and the sale of its horn are both illegal, the killing continues and the trade flourishes. A horn weighing eight pounds is worth \$2,500 and its value increases a whopping 10,000 percent when it is sold as a Yemeni dagger handle or in fine shavings over the counter of a Chinatown shop.

A source of protection for the 3,000-pound rhino, the horn is actually a renewable source. If knocked off, a new one will grow back in about 18 months. Poachers, however, find it easier to skill the powerful, near-sighted creature than just remove its horn. "If poaching continues at its present rate," Mrs. Melville observed, "the rhino will disappear by the end of this decade."

Mantzel, a wealthy, 35-year-old, 6 foot-4

bachelor, said he has no fears that the 3,000-pound rhinos will wreck his ranch or harm the other animals. Construction begins in January on the four-inch metal pipe fence that will keep the rhinos from roaming where they're not wanted.

Mantzel's neighbors around Glen Rose seem very unconcerned that the huge beasts who have a reputation of ramming cars, trucks and trains will be moving into the area.

"I think it's a grand thing they're doing," said Jeanne Mack, director of the Somervell County Museum in Glen Rose. "Any way they can save those animals is OK with me. I wouldn't mind having some of them on my place."

Billy Maynard, part-owner of the Your Choice restaurant on the Town Square, wasn't worried about the rhinos either.

Inhuman exploitation of fishery resources

By Dr. Michael E. Soule

LOS ANGELES (Depthnews) — There are more species of fish threatened with extinction (over 200) than any other kind of vertebrate animal. In part this is because there are more kinds of fish than there are kinds of amphibians, reptiles, birds or mammals.

The extinction of a species causes genetic erosion. One cause is artificial selection, the conscious or unconscious genetic changes induced by man during exploitation. When man gathers or hunts, he rarely chooses at random — the fisherman, hunter and logger generally prefer one type over another, especially the larger over the smaller.

The consequence is that less desirable individuals are left behind to be the parents of the next generation. When traits like size are inherited, the next generation will be smaller or slower growing.

Because fish and other seafoods are a relatively cheaper high quality protein, and because protein is necessary for normal growth and mental development, it is very desirable if seafoods were more plentiful. Yet in many parts of the world, fish are rarely seen or eaten.

Even in those countries where fish are a staple, they are not a very significant part of the diet when considering calories alone. Worldwide, fish and other seafood provide humanity with only 1 percent of its calories. As an energy source, fish are relatively trivial, except in scattered communities. As a protein source, however, fish are very important, providing 6 percent of mankind's protein needs and much higher proportion in fish eating nations like Japan (25 percent).

Fish is both a food and a commodity. The countries which earn 10 percent or more of their export earnings from fish are Iceland, Norway, Peru, Canada, South Korea and Japan. Among the nations that get 15 percent or more of their total protein from seafoods are Iceland, Norway, Portugal, South Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and several West African countries. Russia, Spain and Burma consume slightly less fish per capita.

The trend in marine fish production has been downward, or at best, stable for the last 12 years. It peaked at about 53 million metric tons in 1970. The total catch of marine and fresh water animals, including crustacea (like shrimp, lobster and crab) and molluscs (like squid, oysters and mussels) has been relatively stable in the last few years at about 70 million tons.

Experts relatively agree that it will not be possible to increase the world aquatic and marine harvest at the same rate of the human population growth. World population increases at about 75 million people per year. Even if fisheries catch increases to 100 million tons by the year 2000 (a number considered optimistic), there would be a decrease

of 3 percent in required protein intake from fish. An increase in fish catch depends on both restraint and scientific management of fisheries resources. Except for some inland fisheries, such sophisticated behavior on a large scale has never been done.

The picture would be worse except for advances in fishing technology, like helicopters used to spot tuna. Unfortunately, technology just shortens the interval between the initiation of the fishery and its ultimate collapse from overfishing. Because of overfishing, the trend in recent years has been to switch from adult fish to smaller species, formerly known as "trash fish."

In Lake Malawi, poor management has caused the virtual disappearance of the large species that once dominated the fishery. A recent report of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization concludes: "It is unpredictable that in the case of continuous fishing with nets of unsuitable meshes, the larger species may be threatened with extinction, in part, because the more abundant, smaller species can outcompete the small stages of the former large ones."

There is now a consensus among fish biologists that heavy fishing pressure actually causes permanent genetic changes. Tilapia pond culture has failed in some tropical areas because it is not uncommon to select the large fish and to return the small ones. It favors the reproduction of small and slow-growing fish.

Experiments have shown that such unconscious artificial selection by man usually produces a shift toward stunted individuals that are generally incapable of fast growth. Fishing records show that the capacity of a species to recover is compromised following an interval of 10 to 20 years of heavy exploitation.

Another factor that can reduce the local fisheries is the introduction of exotic species. In Latin America and Asia, the tendency of fish farmers to use exotic varieties instead of learning to manage native species has often led to ecological disasters. In Lake Mindanao in the Philippines, introduced species have out-competed species in the local genus *Barbodes*, the principal source of revenue of the local people. Some species of *Barbodes* and *Oreochromis* are already extinct and others may follow. The effects are usually irreversible, prompting a warning against casual introductions.

Each species that is lost is one less member of our family — one less passenger on this odyssey through our galaxy. Extinction is a natural process but the current rate of extinction of species is anything but natural. The hand of man is always evident, at least there are no known natural extinction of fish species in recent history. Humans are inflicting genocide.

We hear much these days about the "right to life" of human embryos. But is it not arrogant, not morally immature to then ignore the right to life of entire species?

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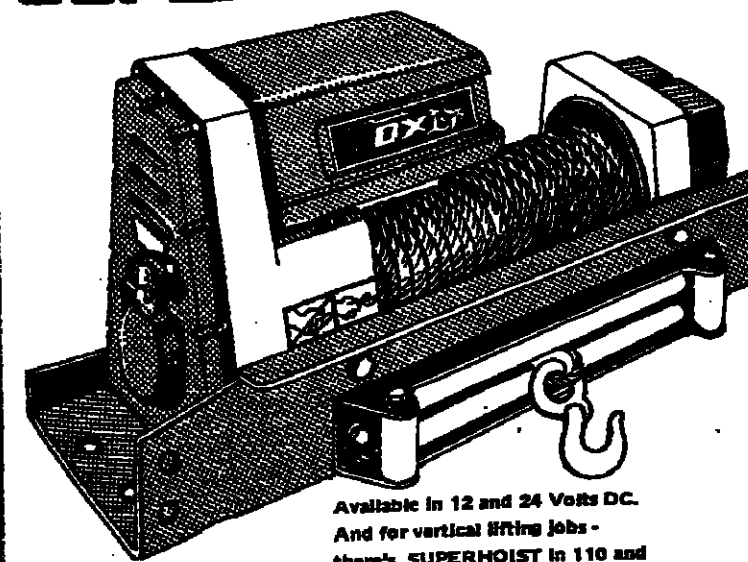
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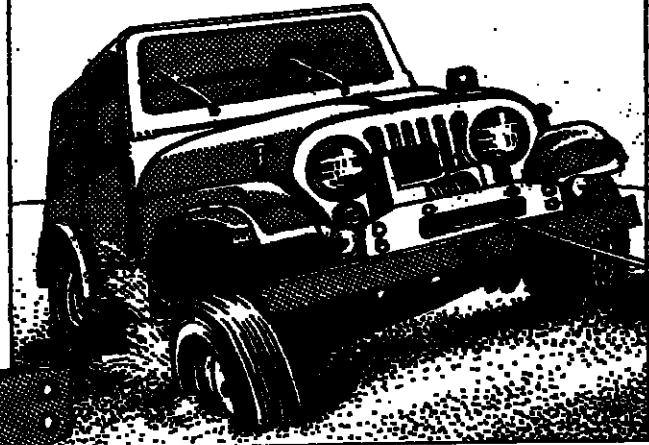
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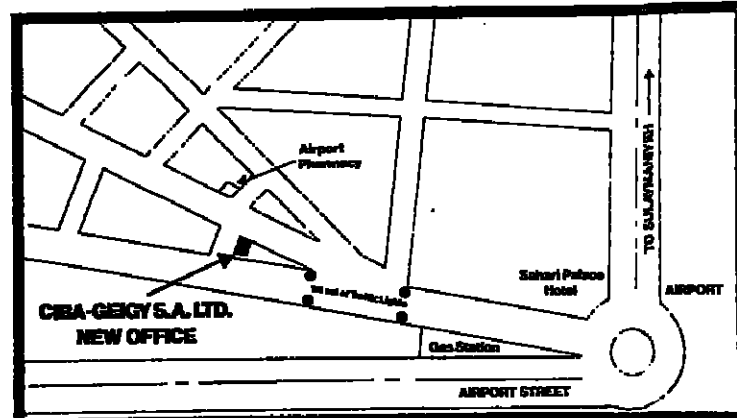
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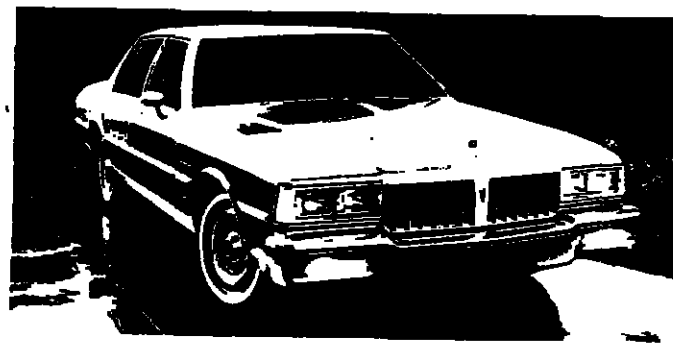
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Glimpses of picturesque Cyprus

By Jessica Thompson Lowery

Cyprus is an original and unique island with an infinite variety of scenery. It is an island of great historical and archaeological importance, an island which offers you fascinating beaches, green forests and superb mountain vistas. Cyprus is dotted with picturesque little villages and towns with donkeys roaming around — the cherished beast of burden. Whatever may be the villages or cities you choose to visit, you will find the true Cypriot hospitality in abundance. In the summer most entertainment takes place under the stars but in winter there is comfortable heating. After studying many travel brochures and a map of the island, we decided to concentrate our sightseeing activities and leisure time on and around the city of Larnaca and its district. Larnaca is located only two miles from the international airport.

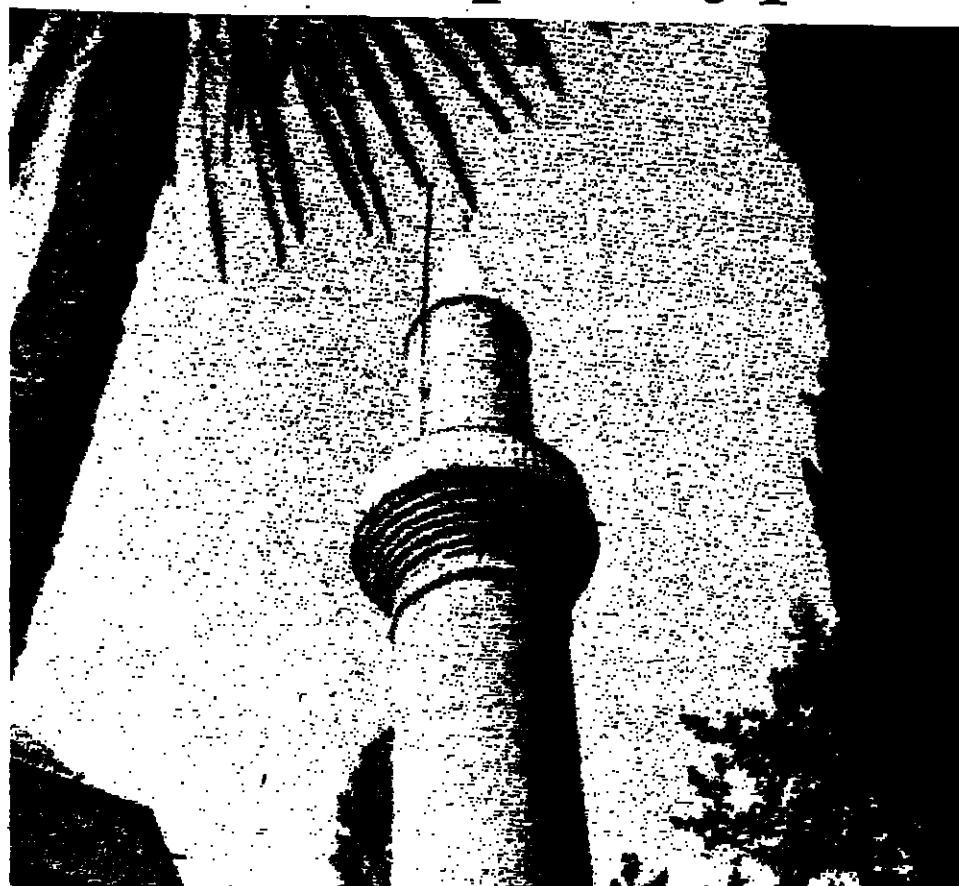
As our jet approached the Larnaca Airport, we caught our first glimpse of Cyprus — the Larnaca Salt Lake and the distinctive white dome and minaret of the Tekke of Hala Sultan projecting above the cypress and date palm trees. There are comfortable hotels and inviting sidewalk cafes along the palm-lined sea front. Many a pleasant evening can be spent sampling the delights of a Cypriot restaurant or sidewalk cafe. In addition to sight seeing, facilities for all kinds of water sports from skiing, skin diving, sailing to pleasure cruising is available. Larnaca was once the principal port city of Nicosia and foreign consuls, shipping agents and merchants were located here in great numbers. Today, Larnaca has a new picturesque Yacht Marina and a well protected harbor.

The Salt Lake, with its two contrasting images, is the location of a thriving salt collecting industry. In December the Salt Lake is a tranquil, gray expanse with flocks of pink flamingoes wintering from the Caspian Sea. The lake is a protected area and as a result exotic birds like the glossy ibis, shelduck, mallard, pintail and other species are to be found here in great numbers. The birds leave after the rains of March are over and by the middle of May evaporation starts and the first salt crystals are formed. By July the lake shows its summer image — a stark, bright and shining expanse of pure white. The salt collection begins in July and can last through September. Each man or salt collector brings a donkey to transport the salt to the lake edge. The caravan of donkeys, heads nodding, are a picturesque sight as they walk across the stark white expanse of salt.

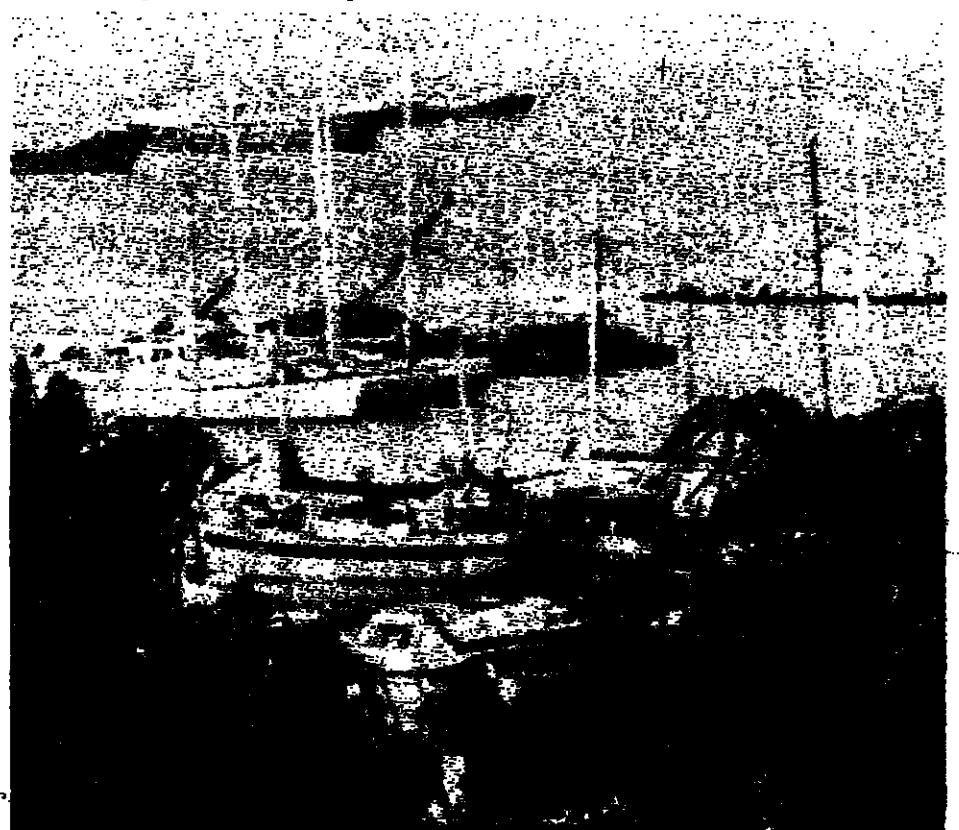
Salt in Cyprus is a government monopoly. All salt collecting is controlled by the customs department and it is a profitable business. Most of the salt is sold to industry. Other uses include curing of leather, olive pickling, cheese making and in the homes as rough kitchen salt.

Nearby, on the shores of Salt Lake, is the famous Muslim shrine — the Tekke of Hala Sultan, one of the most important monuments of the Islamic world. Twenty-five miles east of Larnaca is the attractive seaside resort of Ayia Napa with its sparkling waters and golden sandy beaches. Apart from the village — which is a paradise for people who like swimming, walks, excursions and solitude — is a well-preserved medieval monastery, Paralimni with its beautiful sea caves and Protaras or "fig tree bay" with its popular restaurants are also located in the Ayia Napa district.

Our next point for sightseeing was the mountain village of Lefkara. The drive up the winding mountain road was interesting and exciting. In medieval times, Lefkara was the summer palace of the ruling Venetian families. The Venetian ladies would take their embroidery along, to pass away the time during the long hot summer. Gradually the



MONUMENT: The minaret of the Tekke of Hala Sultan projecting amidst the cypress and date palm trees in the city of Larnaca. Below: The Larnaca harbor.



village women began to copy the intricate stitches and designs of the Venetian work. The cool white village of Lefkara has been famous for its lace and embroidery from early times and thus the local patterns of Lefkara and the rich embroidery of Venice began to merge. The work is known as Lefkaritika and is still done in Lefkara and other villages close by. The women of the village may still be seen sitting in the doorways and courtyards of their homes, heads bent over the fine detailed work. It is not at all unusual for them to work up to ten hours a day and a tablecloth may take up to eight months to be completed even by a group of experts. The range of patterns and stitches are immense. The ladies of the village stay home patiently stitching, while

the men of Lefkara travel far and wide selling and taking orders for this beautiful and distinctive work. Lefkaritika is one of the most unique and representative of all Cypriot crafts. But the drift of young people to larger towns and other modern distractions are posing a threat to this traditional craft.

Cyprus is a botanist's paradise and a motorist's delight. There are miles upon miles of golden sand beaches and idyllic coves. There are fashionable seaside and mountain resorts with modern comfortable hotels. Its fruits and vegetables and lace have been delighting visitors for centuries. Almost everyone in Cyprus speaks English and in addition, Greek, German and French.

Indonesia performs farming miracle

By Warief Djananto

JAKARTA (Depthnews) — Indonesia has attained self-sufficiency in rice but it's a tenuous feat, nobody is crowing about it. Instead, the achievement has elicited official caution that adverse weather and a booming population remain a perennial drawback that could easily erase the gains achieved after years of striving.

The prevalent fear is that better times in the agricultural sector might bring about complacency and push rice back to where it was before self-sufficiency was finally attained. Still, Indonesians have a good reason to be happy. Only five years ago, a noted Western professor said that Indonesia would never produce enough rice for its own needs. He said that geographical limits in Java for agricultural pursuits had been reached, and the land already cultivated had been cultivated extensively to the point of barrenness. Cultivating land outside of Java had become unprofitable because of the prohibitive cost of land, labor and inputs.

The professor said that the failed south Sumatra rice estates were a case in point. The government had plunged into the south Sumatra project with enthusiasm, backed by a gargantuan budget. But after the swamplands were turned into rice fields, the project was abandoned because harvest did not justify the costs.

And the country never quite overcame the trauma of its sad experience with the project. This national pessimism was reinforced by the so-called importation syndrome, an accepted feeling that the country was destined to live as a perennial rice importer. Conditions in the fields did little to change this feeling of helplessness. In 1978 Indonesia imported 1.2 million metric tons of rice. The past year was a particularly bad year for rice production. The import figure continued to soar, so much so that Indonesia's rice import in 1979 hit an all-time high of 2.6 million metric tons.

However, last Aug. 16, President Suharto stated in his Independence Day speech that Indonesia had finally attained self-sufficiency in rice. But this failed to evoke national jubilation. It was not even considered a major portion of his speech. Newspaper reports focused on the political aspects of the speech and the story on the rice self-sufficiency of the country was buried in small prints in the inside pages.

The president himself probably wanted to downplay his announcement on rice production. Indonesia, he said, had chalked up a 7.6 percent economic growth rate, including the once feeble growth performer, rice. But upward movement in rice production had actually started in 1978. By 1981 rice production totaled 22.2 metric tons, surpassing the 1984 production target of the third five-year plan (1979-84) by 2.3 metric tons. This means that production in 1981 had surpassed the 1978 figure by a hefty 27 percent. This year, it is expected to reach 23 million tons. "With the substantially high increases in production in the past several years in practical terms we have reached rice self-sufficiency in 1982," President Suharto said.

Already, the government has fine-tuned the mechanism to gather in the harvest. Bulog, the government foodstock authority, is expected to purchase two million metric tons of domestic rice for the national grain stock. By the end of this year, Bulog's grain stock, including maize, should reach 2.7 million metric tons. But the government's target for a food reserve is more than that. Government economic planners said that Indonesia now has a rice stock of five million metric tons, which is considered enough to feed the population for 100 days under

After years of striving

famine conditions. The increase in rice production has been reflected by the downturn in import expenditures. Last year, rice import declined to 430,000 metric tons from the previous year's total of 1.2 million metric tons.

The country's campaign for self-sufficiency in rice had been characterized by a series of reverses. When the government launched its first Five-Year Plan in 1969, it envisaged rice self-sufficiency in five years. It didn't happen.

sufficiency in rice is far from being a permanent fixture of the Indonesian economy. He said a country may experience a surplus this year, but it could very well plunge into scarcity due to production shortfalls caused by a variety of causes.

Nowhere is the impact of the Indonesian green revolution felt more keenly than in the island province of East Nusa Tenggara. Only four years ago, the island 2,000 kilometers east of Jakarta, was a land of widespread



RICE FIELDS: Indonesia has not only hurdled the perennial problem of food shortages, but has produced a modest surplus in rice.

At the start of the second plan in 1974, government officials said self-sufficiency in the cereal would be achieved by the fourth year of the plan. It, too, did not materialize. But the elusive target was achieved during the third year of the third plan.

Much of the credit for the phenomenal performance in the agricultural sector has been heaped on the government's Insum (special intensification) program which was launched in 1979. The Insum succeeds the Bimas and the Inmas (mass guidance and mass intensification) programs which used agricultural extension officers extensively in new farming methods, mobilization of credit facilities and the scientific application of fertilizers.

The program underscores the need for the active participation of farmers' association and groups in cultivating a given area of land. An added incentive to increased rice production is the holding of rice production competitions among farmers. The scheme has worked splendidly.

But as Agriculture Minister Sudarsono Hadisaputro said last year, the state of self-

hunger and economic desolation.

But this year, East Nusa Tenggara has made a phenomenal turn-around in its rice and maize output. Through an intensified production campaign dubbed "Operation Prosperous (ONM)", the province has attained self-sufficiency in rice and maize for the first time in history. The "miracle" has won national acclaim, and no less than President Suharto has visited the province to convey his congratulations to the islanders for their feat. Governor Ben Maot told the president that the province has not only hurdled the perennial problem of food shortages; it has also produced a modest surplus this year of 23,397 tons of maize and rice.

This year's total rice production was 266,757 tons while the island's total consumption at 82.1 kg. per capita a year amounts to only 243,360 tons. Maize, the main staple of the people, is expected to register a production of 242,481 tons this year, and with consumption estimated at 172,315, there will be a surplus of 69,166 tons.

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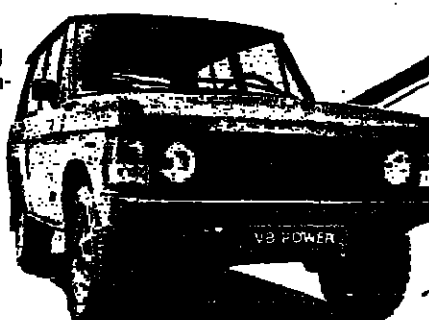


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The Panama Canal: how many time bombs are ticking?

By Gilbert P. Richardson
Houston Bureau

The countdown continues with steady cadence to Dec. 31, 1999, when the United States transfers its canal to the Republic of Panama. Could the agreement be interrupted? Substantial portions of the population in Panama and the U.S. feel they were cheated by the Carter-Torrijos Panama Canal Treaties, signed in Washington, on 7, 1977. While overwhelming odds favor either Panama or the United States themselves causing the treaties to collapse under their own weight, other forces are at work to break the dynamic status quo ante.

In 1914 Dr. Woodrow Wilson, with a key on his desk, that ignited the spark from Washington, once below up the last Panamanian divide to join both oceans. However, today's spark could come from a variety of sources. Could it be the Russians, the Cubans, or the Japanese? All of these nations are whisking ships through the canal built by the American taxpayers, who are puzzled by the events which have happened already in Panama.

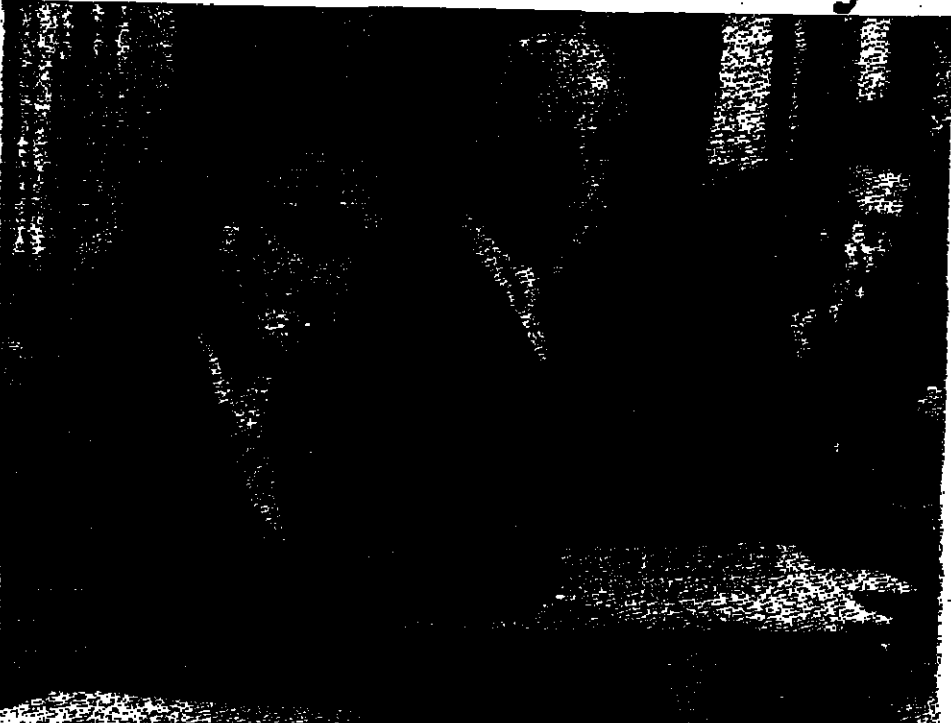
Experts in Washington and Panama City can hardly believe their ears, because things are too calm. National Guard Commander Ruben Dario Paredes assures both the U.S. and Panamanian governments that the university students are in their classes, the labor unions are on the job, and that the palace guard is not likely to revolt, but if they do he is ready to deal with these historic sources of unrest. General Dennis P. McAuliffe, the U.S. Canal Administrator residing in Panama, came to Washington, asked for \$482.6 million for fiscal year 1983, and assured the Subcommittee on Transportation of the House Appropriations Committee he projects there will be some \$467.9 million deposited from canal tolls to cover the appropriations. Panama Canal Commission Secretary Michael Rhode, Jr., in Washington, D.C., reported the waterway is being operated at no expense to the American taxpayer, in compliance with the Panama Canal Act, P.L. 96-70. This requires the first \$10 million profit to go to the Republic of Panama in annuity, and in fiscal year 1980, since \$75 million was paid, plus another \$2.7 million cumulative funds. However, in fiscal year 1981 the U.S. went into the red by some \$560,000 but in 1982 Rhode anticipated a modest profit. "but it is too early to tell," he said.

Old Panama hands feel underneath the hum of this well oiled machinery they hear the tickings of unexploded bombs from any directions. Tropical climatologists see storm clouds gathering all around the isthmus from the Western Hemisphere.

1. THE FALKLAND ISLANDS: While this may be called the 1982 "Lanolin War," because the only oil found so far has been on the backs of sheep, the United States lost ground with some allies to the Russians. Some 20 Soviet radar technicians arrived in Buenos Aires, not to protect the colony of Russians who make their living raising sunflowers for their oil but to protect the Argentines from the British, when there are some 100,000 British extracts living around Buenos Aires. The fact is the Russians now monitor a radar network from the Straits of Magellan of South America, through the Straits of Panama from Cuba. Of the world's Eight-Strait-System, coveted by the Soviet Union, this brackets the two most important straits in the Western Hemisphere.

2. THE CARIBBEAN: Cuban ships not only enjoy the use of the American built canal in Panama, but Fidel Castro enjoys perhaps \$3 million a day in Russian economic support. The Russians submarines swarm out of Cienfuegos, Cuba's deep water port to provide the ideal communist conduit for convoys to enter, almost undetected. Panama's Bocas de Toro port with rockets, Claymore mines, the infiltration of advisers, and a myriad of propaganda already penetrating Panama. In Havana, the 1967 Latin American Solidarity Organization, attended by 27 leaguate nations, endorsed the resolution calling for guerrilla warfare in opposition to servile Pan-Americanism. With Panama's arid land reform, the onset of a stormy climate is emerging because about 26% of the shuman land is owned, but only 1% is cultivated.

3. MEXICO: Mexico is cordial and sympathetic to Cuba, and has been for years. The numerous discoveries of oil in southern Mex-



INITIALING CEREMONY: U.S. and Panamanian negotiators for the Panama Canal agreement hold an initialing ceremony at the State Department in Washington in 1977.

ico will assure communist Cuba of adequate petroleum, which need not pass through the Panama Canal from the Alaskan North Slope fields. Furthermore, President de la Madrid is bound to perfect a multi-million dollar land bridge of railroads and trucks across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec; to deprive Panama of vast tonnage formerly transiting the canal and losing millions of dollars in revenue now enjoyed by the Americans.

4. COLUMBIA: Panama's neighbor on the south is besieged by rural guerrillas forming in the mountains. Such "golpes de estado" have been popular since Roman Catholic Priest Camilo Torres, threw a submarine gun over his holy frock and led the peasants against their government. Panama belonged to Colombia until the 1903 revolt, and was recognized by the United States for the purpose of building the canal, but the neighborhood is smoldering today with political unrest on both sides of Panama. The body count of soldiers and guerrillas are rising daily.

5. COSTA RICA: Panama's northern neighbor, is now a low pressure area with growing unrest. Formerly, Costa Rica boasted of having more school teachers than soldiers, but today a loss of confidence in the economy, joblessness, and inflation are destroying domestic tranquility and Panama will be effected by border smuggling, illegal aliens and refugees.

6. EL SALVADOR: The most explosive civil war in the hemisphere has become a bulging diplomatic pressure point on Panama. Heavy cargo arriving from most the European and North American Atlantic communities have to pass through the Panama Canal, to reach the entire coast of El Salvador on the Pacific Ocean. Financial drains on El Salvador, to use the Panama Canal could range from \$30,000 to \$50,000 toll per ship and perhaps even more.

Political speech makers in Panama assured those looking for some alternative to poverty that the repatriation of the U.S. Canal Zone would solve most of their problems, but this was over-sold to get the rhetorical flourish. Panama's grinding poverty is pathetic.

In a tropical land were just about anything that can grow will grow, Panama still import some 60% of its food needs. This is after years of secondary influx of money they derived from the huge banking transactions around the world. Such wealth does not appear in most Latin American countries without a man-made canal for which Panama did not have to put up a dime. It is pathetic that the Panamanians cannot feed themselves properly on home grown products to assure its national stability and dietary sufficiency.

Personal hate for the United States have become a way of life for many inside of Panama. Dual wage scales being higher for the American Zionians working on related jobs with the Panamanians, commissary privileges, etc. have been sources of contention for over 66 years of ships transiting the canal. This time bomb could go off any moment with unemployment searing and jealousy linked to better housing abandoned on the canal zone by the departing Americans. In Colon, the U.S. tried to defuse this bomb by releasing 14 Mount Hope vacant buildings two years before it was required in

Florida and Alaska. The coincidence of the century took its toll in the U.S. Senate which ratified the Treaties in April 1978. Regardless of political parties 20 U.S. Senators who voted for the treaties were defeated in their attempt to return to the Senate in Washington. Those include Republicans Javits of New York, Case of New Jersey and Brooke of Massachusetts. The Democrats suffered most losing Talmadge of Georgia, Stone of Florida, Nelson of Wisconsin, Morgan of North Carolina, McIntyre of New Hampshire, McGovern of South Dakota, Magnuson of Washington, Hathaway of Maine, Hatfield of Montana, Haskell of Colorado, Gravel of Alaska, Durkin of New Hampshire, Culver of Iowa, Clark of Iowa, Church of Idaho, Bayh of Indiana, and Anderson of Minnesota.

William Loeb denied that his *Manchester Union Leader* defeated Senator McIntyre but Loeb attributed Canal remarks to the effect in McIntyre's campaign for re-election "what do the people of Laconia know about these big issues?"

Backlashes continue in the courts today both in the United States and Panama. While Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin and Auxiliary Bishop Thomas C. Kelly led the National Conference of Catholic Bishops lobby right into President Jimmy Carter's Oval Office on September 15, 1977, on behalf of the treaties, for 958, Catholic Panama. The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other non-profit organizations may lose their tax-exempt status now pending in federal court for having fought against the Panama Canal Treaties.

In Panama, on April 1, 1982, the United States relinquished its control of the Courts and Police, pursuant to Article XI of the treaties of 1977. Now that American Courts and Police cease to exist, many natives appear eager to bait the arrest of U.S. employees on the canal by La Guardia Nacional, plain clothes detectives and the dreaded Panama secret police DENI. On May 24, 1982, *Voz Populi* columnist Luis Restrepo accused U.S. Ambassador Ambler Holmes Moss, Jr., of insolent diplomacy for backstage maneuverings in their Chancery Court authorities, on behalf of arrested Americans. In his allegations *Matutino* quoted Restrepo as saying this was diplomatic aggression, and made reference to Panama TV Channel 4 News Program, Justo Fidel Palacios purportedly showed Ambassador Moss's diplomatic note to Foreign Minister Jorge Illueca.

On June 29, 1981, the Comptroller General's report to the congress of the U.S. stated the release of American property in precise terms. The property transferred by the

Department of Defense to the Republic of Panama in Fiscal Year 1980, for the Army and Navy included the Balboa Drydock Areas, Coco Solo, Albrook/Carundu, Fort Amador, Fort Kobbe, Fort Sherman, France Field, Quarry Heights, etc. came to \$33,453,512. The GAD also reported that property transferred to the Republic of Panama by the Panama Canal Commission and its predecessor since Sept. 30, 1979, came to \$86,186,354, in treaty compliance with abandoning the canal the Americans began to build in 1903.

Since the Spanish first discovered Panama, and viewed the Pacific Ocean from its summit, Spain's King Ferdinand V. consoled himself with the prospects of appointing conquistador Vasco Muniz de Balboa as the Governor of Panama, for the better strategy to end the political covetousness in Central America. However, the Spanish jealousy and trickery of Don Pedro Arias de Avila brought the beheading of Balboa in 1517. So the heritage of chicanery and subterfuge continues into the 20th century.

Ironically, this same geography over 400 years later ricocheted into the United States as severe political issue. The Panama Canal Treaties gleamed as a silver strand among the issues before the 1980 elections. To the liberal politicians who had supported the treaties this same silver strand became a garrote, which helped behead politically members of the U.S. Congress. The President, Vice-President and numerous lesser politicians across the United States. Also a number of liberal advocacy journalists who used their newspaper to crusade in defiance to a public consensus on the American built canal in Panama, have been closing their doors.

In the Falkland Islands War, the United States abandoned the Monroe Doctrine, which formerly told European powers that the Western Hemisphere was no longer open for colonization. Earlier, the Latin Americans had been shouting for the U.S. to abandon "La Doctrina de Monroe," as they wanted the United States to abandon the American-built Canal in Panama. Could it be that the day may come, in the interest of hemisphere security and perhaps a missile detected in a southern orbit that the Latin Americans will come to the United States and say: here, we give your canal back, also, we would like a fresh rendition of the Monroe Doctrine? Americans have seen another country named Egypt, with a canal. Egypt took in the Russians and before too long threw them out, especially out of reach of their Suez Canal. Will the Panamanians take in an outside nation soon?

Regulating growth of pet animals

By Susan Saporito
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — Under the direction of nobel laureate Dr. Roger Guillemin, researchers at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, Calif., have made a major advance in understanding how the brain controls growth in animals and humans.

The scientists, at the institute's Laboratories for Neuroendocrinology in the Hearst Research Center, chemically characterized and synthesized a tumor-derived peptide with biological activity identical to Growth Hormone Releasing Factor (GRF) from the brain.

GRF is a peptide produced in a region of the brain known as the hypothalamus and controls the release of growth hormone from the pituitary gland. Growth hormone, in turn, exerts a powerful influence on skeletal growth and body weight, the formation of connective tissue and the development of internal organs. Growth hormone also plays an important role in glucose and fat metabolism.

Certain forms of diabetes believed to involve imbalances in the production of growth hormone may one day be treatable with GRF. Moreover, GRF is expected to become important in wound healing and burn therapy, as well as in the treatment of a number of debilitating diseases.

This discovery could have a significant impact in the field of animal husbandry. Scientists may soon have a safe and efficient means of regulating the growth rate and body size of some domestic animals. In time, this could lead to marked increases in the production of animal protein and byproducts.

The peptide hormone analyzed by Dr. Guillemin and his colleagues was not obtained from the brain itself. Even after years of laborious extraction procedures, still not enough GRF had been isolated from hypothalamic tissue to permit a complete structural analysis.

Rather, the material was obtained from a human tumor, a finding that has greatly expedited the discovery of the structure of GRF. While human tumors that produce excessive amounts of growth hormone have occasionally been observed, tumors that secrete GRF appear to be extremely rare. The GRF-secreting tumor used in this study was first recognized by clinical investigators in France and was subsequently donated to the Salk Institute scientists for chemical studies.

More than a decade of effort by Dr. Guillemin and his colleagues — Drs. Peter Bohnen, Paul Brazeau, Frederick Esch, Nicholas Ling and William B. Wehrenberg — went into the discovery of the general structure of GRF. Based on their analysis, abundant supply of synthetic GRF can now be prepared, thus providing scientists throughout the world with a powerful new tool for detailed studies of the relationship between the brain and the body's hormonal system.

The discovery of GRF is another milestone in Dr. Guillemin's research career. Over a quarter of a century ago, he was a leader in establishing the concept — radical at the time — that the hormonal secretions of the pituitary gland were controlled by chemical factors produced in the hypothalamus, rather than by nerve impulses originating in the brain.

For this discovery and many of the basic experimental techniques still used to isolate and analyze these brain hormones, Dr. Guillemin shared the 1977 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine.

Dr. Guillemin was born in Dijon, France, in 1924. After earning B.A. and B.Sc. degrees at the University of Dijon, Guillemin obtained an M.D. at the Faculty of Medicine in Lyons, France, in 1949. He then went to the Institute of Experimental Medicine and Surgery at the University of Montreal, Canada.

After earning a Ph.D. degree in physiology there in 1953, Guillemin went to Houston, Texas, where he was a member of the faculty at the Baylor College of Medicine. He joined the resident faculty of the Salk Institute in 1970, and established the Laboratories for Neuroendocrinology.



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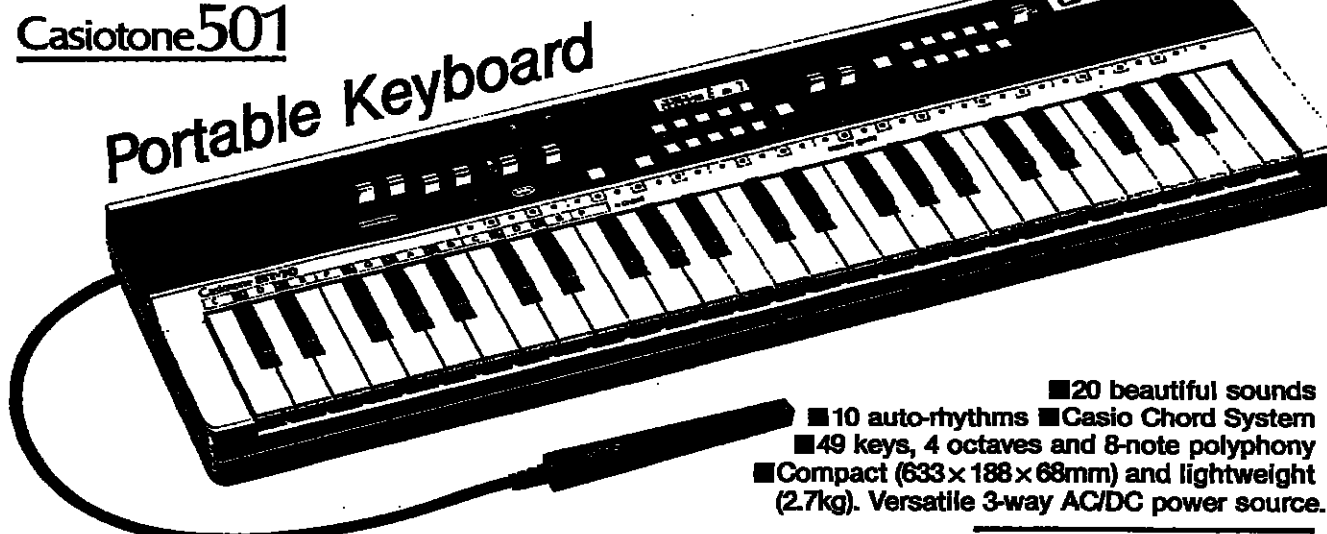
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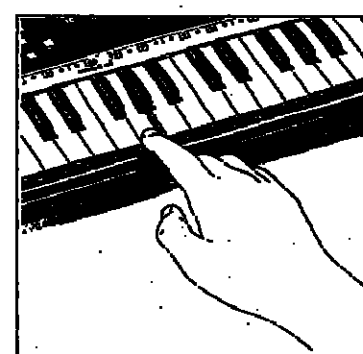
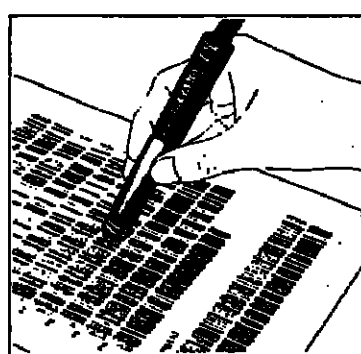
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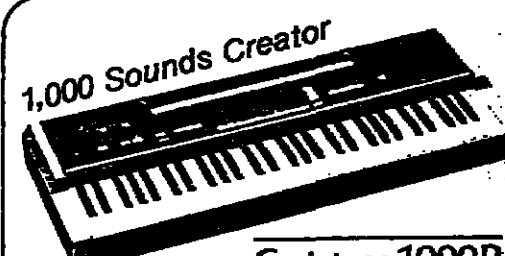
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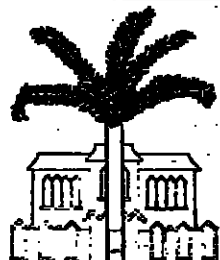
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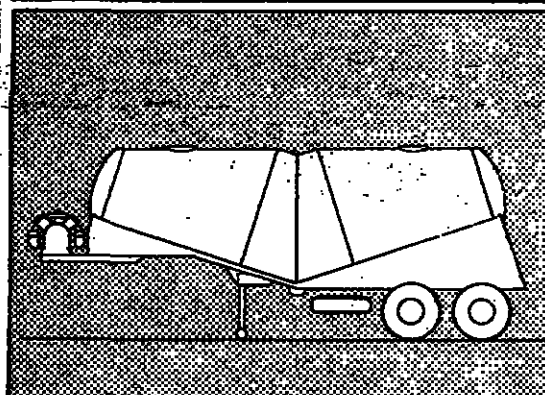
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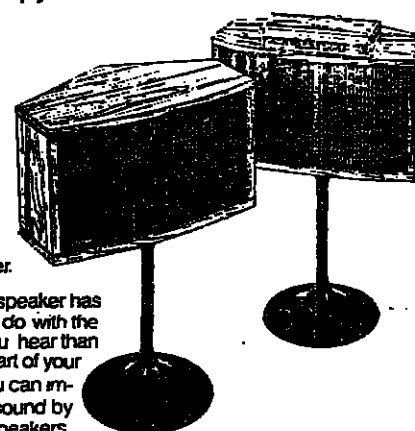
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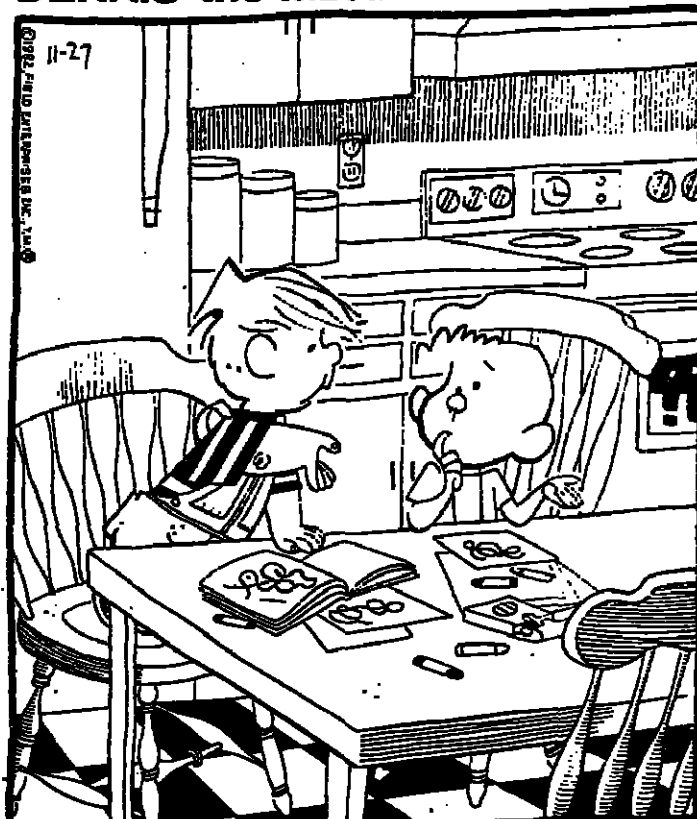


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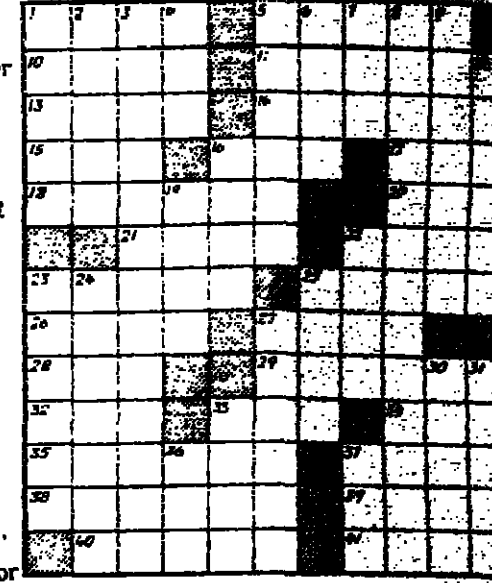
arab news Calendar

TV Programs		
Saudi Arabia	7:17 Telefont's Change/ Hold on to the Past 8:05 Classic Playhouse/ Uncle Vanya 10:00 News	6:30 Science & Life 7:00 Daily Gulf Series 8:00 Local News 8:10 Literature & Authors 9:00 Daily Arabic Drama 10:00 World News 10:30 Soap Program Preview 10:50 Wrestling 11:15 Weekly Arabic Drama 1:00 Closeown
Bahrain Channel 4	4:00 Holy Quran 4:30 Program Preview 4:35 Cartoons 5:00 Children's Series 6:00 Religious Program 7:00 Daily Arabic Series 8:00 Arabic News 8:30 Local Arabic Show 9:30 Tomorrow's Program 9:50 Arabic Series 10:25 Arabic Film	Dubai Channel 33 5:00 Quran 5:10 Heads & Tails 5:30 Faith & Hope Show 6:00 Religious Drama/Humanities 6:30 Arabic Story 6:40 Book Report 7:30 Barney Miller 8:10 Local News 9:00 Islamic Horizons 9:10 Kuwait's Landing 10:00 World News 10:25 Best Sellers 12:00 Closeown
Bahrain Channel 55	6:00 Program Preview 6:05 Fables of the East 6:30 The World of Survival 7:00 News 7:30 Soap Mothers Do 8:00 Emergency 8:40 Arabic Film 9:20 Incredible Hulk, followed by New Summary	Qatar 7:00 Quran 7:35 Cartoons 7:30 French Series 8:30 Different Stories 9:00 World News 9:30 Be My Guest 10:00 Shien Reach
Dhahran	4:00 Children's Show 4:30 Vision Out/Dips and Drops 4:50 George/Gorge on the Rocks 5:25 Survival/Deer in Hiding 5:40 The Honeycookers Men from Space 6:19 The Rembrandts Closeown	Radio Jeddah Jeddah MW 1485 KHz FM 98.5 MHz SW 11.825 MHz Afternoon Transmission Then Saturday 2:01 Holy Quran 2:06 Program Review 2:07 Light Music 2:15 G.E. & A Song 2:45 A Dictionary of Islam 2:55 Light Music 3:00 NEWS 3:10 Press Review 3:15 Hope and Music 3:45 Goss of Goldstein 3:50 Closeown Evening Transmission 8:00 Opening 8:01 Holy Quran 8:06 Program Review 8:07 Light Music 8:10 The Evening Show 8:40 This Week's Landmark 8:55 Radio Theater 9:25 NEWS 9:30 NEWS 9:40 Small Arabia Daily 9:45 Today's Short Story 10:00 On Islam 10:10 Arabic By Radio 10:20 Sport Report 10:50 Reflections of a Poet 11:00 Nightfall 11:00 Guest Men of Literature 11:40 Light Music 11:45 A. R. Raza With Dreams 12:00 Closeown
Radio Riyadh	Riyadh AM 1224 KHz FM 98.5 MHz Dhahran AM 1485 KHz Saturday 14:00 Holy Quran 14:06 Program Review 14:07 Islamic Program 14:12 Comedy & Western 14:42 Light Music 15:00 NEWS 15:15 From the Press 15:20 15th Century 15:30 Food, Health & More 15:39 Program Summary 16:00 French Program 16:05 Holy Quran 20:05 Summary 20:06 On Islam 20:10 Sound of the 60's 20:46 Round & About 21:16 The Micro in 21:50 The World Today 21:45 Daily Chronicle Today's Diary 21:50 Top News 22:30 Sports Report 22:30 Men & Music 23:05 Islamic Divine Trust 23:05 Islamic Roundtable 23:45 Today's Diary 23:48 News Roundtable 23:53 Program Summary 23:55 Holy Quran midnight Closeown	Radio Jeddah Jeddah MW 1485 KHz FM 98.5 MHz SW 11.825 MHz Afternoon Transmission Then Saturday 2:01 Holy Quran 2:06 Program Review 2:07 Light Music 2:15 G.E. & A Song 2:45 A Dictionary of Islam 2:55 Light Music 3:00 NEWS 3:10 Press Review 3:15 Hope and Music 3:45 Goss of Goldstein 3:50 Closeown Evening Transmission 8:00 Opening 8:01 Holy Quran 8:06 Program Review 8:07 Light Music 8:10 The Evening Show 8:40 This Week's Landmark 8:55 Radio Theater 9:25 NEWS 9:30 NEWS 9:40 Small Arabia Daily 9:45 Today's Short Story 10:00 On Islam 10:10 Arabic By Radio 10:20 Sport Report 10:50 Reflections of a Poet 11:00 Nightfall 11:00 Guest Men of Literature 11:40 Light Music 11:45 A. R. Raza With Dreams 12:00 Closeown

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS	3 Constant
1 Spice	4 buckering
5 Roman lady's garb	5 Not much around
10 Romanian city	6 Civil wrong
11 Wood ash product	7 Sioux
13 - on (lavish)	8 Crocota crocota
14 Stimulate	9 Pacify
15 Candelier tree	12 Famous band leader
16 Carney	16 Invaluable worker
17 Crude sugar	19 Mountain lake
18 Praying -	22 Reverberate
20 Bad actor	23 Shepherd city
21 Florida county	
22 Latvian city	
23 Chaplain	
25 Fabric	
26 English river	
27 Work crew	
28 Droop	
29 Correct!	
32 Sesame	
33 Was up front	
34 Jabber college	
35 Michigan	
37 Jaunty	
38 Rarely	
39 Cincinnati	
40 Kid's term	
40 Picture transfer	
41 Panegyric DOWN	
1 "Call Me -"	
2 Pleasant odor	



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X E
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

MEFC CEH EHF WC URGML CGJFN
CEH EHFJ MBAA QKJHWLCKFKJ
CYGWWGM - SFYHL LCHREKRL
Yesterday's Cryptquote: THE ORNAMENT OF A HOUSE IS THE FRIENDS WHO FREQUENT IT. -RALPH WALDO EMERSON

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Contract Bridge B. Jay and Steve Becker

Keep Your Eye on the Ball

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

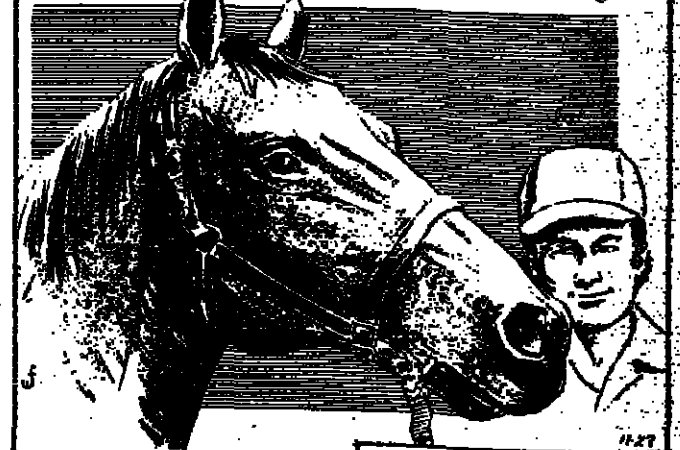
NORTH		EAST	
♠ A 7 4 2	♥ 10 6 2	♣ J 9 3	♦ 7 4 3
♠ 9 8 6	♥ J 5 3	♣ K 9 8	♦ K 10 7 6 4 2
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ K Q J 10 8 6 3	♥ 8 7 5	♣ A K 4	♦ A K Q J 10 5 2
♠ -	♥ K 9 8	♣ -	♦ A

The bidding:
South West North East
20 4♣ Pass Pass
50
Opening lead - king of spades.

How often do you make a bid and, a few seconds later, wish you hadn't because a new thought occurred to you and you'd like to change your bid? Or how often do you make a play and want to retract it a moment later because you overlooked a better play? The trouble with these omissions, if you're addicted to them, is that you're not permitted to change a bid or play.

It was evident from the bidding that East might ruff the ace of spades. But if you played the ace at trick one and thought of the right play later on, you would be locking the barn door after the horse had been stolen.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1982



ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Your desire to be independent and to do things your own way can cause obstacles with others. Listen to your intuition for guidance.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
After pursuing the wrong course of thought, you'll come up with the right answers regarding a business or investment venture.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
It's a busy day socially, but problems are likely to arise with close ties. Do nothing that will arouse another's jealousy.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
You'll meet someone now to whom you'll be attracted, but this person may have a differing outlook on life. Avoid arguments if you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Keep your hunches to yourself about business or investment matters, as others are in no mood to hear about your potential for success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
There'll be some edginess with close ties. Use your intuition to know when to speak and about what. Unexpected news is likely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
A problem could arise with a co-worker. Financial prospects look promising, but you're advised not to overspend on non-essentials.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Selfishness can lead to problems with loved ones. Find ways to be by yourself without upsetting the feelings of others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
You're easily provoked and are liable to snap out at a family member. Time by yourself will allow you to keep peace of mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Some of your friends are on a different wave length than you and won't appreciate what you have to say. Know when to speak.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Reconsider a career opportunity if it involves too much capital outlay. Money comes in and goes out quite easily.